

David Willink



David maintains a broad practice across chambers' practice areas. He is noted for a strongly collaborative approach to those who instruct him and a no-nonsense, practical approach to both strategic and tactical issues arising from litigation.

David has considerable experience in costs matters at all levels, including appeals, and has regularly appeared for both paying and receiving parties.

David also specialises in Consumer Law.

David accepts Direct Access instructions in appropriate cases. Recent cases have included a High Court property dispute and a breach of contract action arising from the sale of a business.

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Year of Call: 2004

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"Manages an expansive commercial practice encompassing Personal Injury, Clinical Negligence and Property as well as Ecclesiastical law. He is Deputy Chancellor of the Diocese of Salisbury."

Recent client testimonial:

"Able, thorough and well informed"

"Just excellent. A model of concision. Very impressive."

"I am extremely grateful to you, your advice was impeccable and brought about a better result than I could have imagined at the outset. I will have no hesitation in recommending you to anyone I meet and requires your advice. Can't thank you enough."

Publications

- "Contract Law without a Code": published as "Das englische Vertragsrecht funktioniert auch ohne Kodex" in Europäisches Vertragsrecht (2003) and speech to the 15. Europäische Notarentage, Salzburg 2003.



- “Three Rivers: privilege revisited”: Amicus Curiae (May 2005), and speech to Institute of Advanced Legal Studies.
- Civil Court Practice (the Green Book): contributor (2005).
- Bloomsbury’s Law of Limitation: Administrative Law chapter (2006-present).
- LexisNexis Legal Terms Navigator: dispute resolution (2010).

Further information

Qualifications

- MA (mathematics & law), Magdalene College, Cambridge; President, Cambridge Union
- LLM (canon law), University of Wales College of Cardiff
- City University & Inns of Court School of Law

Memberships

- Personal Injury Bar Association
- Ecclesiastical Law Society

Background

David gained extensive experience in government, including responsibility for civil law reform in the areas of contract, trusts and privacy & freedom of expression. He appeared before Select Committees in both Houses of Parliament, and represented the UK in Brussels, Luxembourg, Strasbourg and Salzburg. He was responsible for the defence of domestic libel law in *Steel & Morris v United Kingdom* [2005] ECHR 103 (‘McLibel’). He also held responsibility for advice on appointments to Queen’s Counsel and senior judicial office, and was a trained judicial appointments selection interviewer.

Interests

- Music, singing, food, alternative education.



Property

Acts for both landlords and tenants in residential and commercial tenancy matters. Practice also encompasses real property matters including mortgages, boundary and



neighbour disputes, easements and Party Wall Act actions.

Related cases of interest

Tsangarides v London Borough of Lambeth (2009) — Serious and prolonged disrepair; the £30,000 award of general damages exceeded 90% of rent paid for over 8 years.

R (Regentford Ltd) v Shepway District Council [2006] EWHC 3200 (Admin); [2006] All ER (D) 295 (Oct) — A successful statutory appeal against the decision of a Valuation Tribunal upholding a local authority's assessment of council tax liability of the landlord of flats let on long leases.

