

DAVID SCUTT

CALL: 1989

"He has incredible attention to detail and commands a courtroom with his stunning advocacy skills".

Chambers UK 2022

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A highly accomplished and experienced barrister, David's criminal practice includes homicide, other serious violent offending, firearms offending, serious sexual offending, drug-trafficking, human-trafficking, fraud and organised crime.

David is instructed in cases of the utmost seriousness, complexity and sensitivity. He is a "go to" barrister in cases involving vulnerable witnesses and defendants.

He has a reputation for excellent advocacy, meticulous case preparation, integrity and approachability – making him *"a formidable opponent"*.

David is an advocacy trainer, both in the UK and abroad (including the International Criminal Court in The Hague).

PRACTICE AREAS

- Crime
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CRIME

David's criminal law expertise includes the following:

- Murder and manslaughter
- Rape and other serious sexual offences
- Child sex offences
- Child cruelty offences
- Human trafficking offences
- Drug trafficking offences
- Organised crime
- Fraud
- Trading Standards / copyright infringement offences
- Planning and other enforcement

NOTABLE CASES:

R v R (2020) – Rape of a vulnerable child
R v H (2019) – Leading counsel. Attempted murder and possession of a firearm with intent to endanger life (firing shotgun at armed response officers in a 'siege situation')
R v C and others (2019) – Country-wide drug-trafficking conspiracy
R v S (2019) – Sexual offending involving vulnerable complainants and a vulnerable defendant with a learning disability
R v B and others (2018-2019) – Leading Counsel. Organised crime groups involved in drug-trafficking conspiracies and extortion
R v W (2018) – Attempted murder
R v H and others (2018) – Leading counsel. Drug-trafficking conspiracy
R v D (2017) – Manslaughter
R v W (2017) – Attempted murder
R v G (2017) – Attempted murder
R v A and others (2016) – Leading counsel. Paedophile ring
R v T and others (2015 – 2016) – Human-trafficking/modern slavery conspiracy
R v A and others (2014) – Leading counsel. Conspiracy to supply firearms with intent to endanger life (from prison)
R v H (2013) – Child abduction and rape.

OTHER NOTABLE CASES:

R v M and others (2011) – Conspiracy to pervert the course of justice by officers of South Wales Police in "The Cardiff Three"/"Lynette White" case ...

RECOMMENDATIONS

CHAMBERS UK 2022

Crime

Band 2

"He is fantastic with clients." "He has incredible attention to detail and commands a courtroom with his stunning advocacy skills. He is masterful when dealing with complex and voluminous cases."

LEGAL 500 2022

Crime

Ranked: Tier 1

'He combines a commanding courtroom presence with assiduous client care skills.'

CHAMBERS UK 2021

Crime

A well-respected junior who prosecutes and defends serious crime cases involving organised crime, rape, drugs and human trafficking charges. He is well respected by his peers for his ability to handle multi-layers of complexity in what are usually very difficult and often sensitive cases.

Strengths: "A very experienced barrister and a rock-solid advocate. He has the ability to instil confidence in lay clients." "He is very thorough and he presents his cases extremely well."

Recent work: Prosecuted Daniel Hannam, a man charged with two counts of attempted murder of Authorised Firearms Officers.

LEGAL 500 2021

Crime (General and Fraud)

'He takes a strong and robust approach to both advice to clients in conference and to advocacy in court.'

Ranked: Tier 1

CHAMBERS UK 2020

Crime

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Strengths:

"He is an excellent advocate, engaging and compelling to juries and always ready to fight his corner with the judiciary. His advice demonstrates thorough case preparation and he is very quick to grasp issues." "He is extremely good at dealing with the difficulties of a multi-handed case. His thorough preparation gives him an in-depth knowledge of cases, which makes him a formidable opponent. His integrity and approachability enable tricky points of dispute to be resolved sensibly."

Recent work: Secured a reduced sentence for a defendant in a case which five individuals were accused of human trafficking for exploitation of vulnerable individuals.

LEGAL 500 2020

Crime

Leading Juniors

"Fastidious in his preparation and skilful in court."

LEGAL 500 2019

Crime

Leading Juniors

'He has fantastic attention to detail and great client communication skills.'

LEGAL 500 2017

Crime

Leading Juniors

'Defends and prosecutes across a range of serious crime cases.'

LEGAL 500 2016

Crime

Leading Juniors

"He has an impressive manner and is experienced in complex cases."

LEGAL 500 2015

Crime

Leading Juniors

"Extremely astute in assessing realistic outcomes in cases."

APPOINTMENTS:

- CPS Advocate Panel - Level 4
 - Specialist Rape Prosecutor
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MEMBERSHIPS:

- Criminal Bar Association
 - Western Circuit
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EDUCATION:

- Bar Finals - Inns of Court School of Law
 - BA Hons, Law & Economics, University of Keele
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RECENT NEWS

- Practical Advocacy in the Crown Court has been published today!
 - We are very excited to announce publication of our book 'Practical Advocacy in the Crown Court' written by members of our Crime Team
 - Coronavirus Regulations Update - 6 July 2020
 - Guildhall Chambers is delighted to announce that Peter Binder will join our Crime Team on 1 September 2020
 - We are pleased to announce our Crime Team will have their book published by Bloomsbury Legal
 - Coronavirus Regulations – Update 23 June 2020
 - Coronavirus Regulations - Update 1 June 2020
 - Crime Team Newsletter - April 2020
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