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# David Taylor



Year of call: **2025**
Degree: **BA/LLB (University of Auckland, First Class Honours), LLM (LSE, Distinction)**

David accepts instructions in all areas of Chambers' practice.

Before being called to the Bar of England and Wales, David practised as a barrister and solicitor in New Zealand in commercial, public law and regulatory litigation, and as a Crown Prosecutor. He also practised as a solicitor in commercial litigation at a London Magic Circle firm and in Sydney.

David recently completed a PhD in Law at the University of Cambridge (graduation pending).

## EXPERIENCE

### Public & Regulatory

David has significant experience as an advocate in public law in New Zealand prior to moving to the UK, holds a specialised Masters in public law, and has completed a PhD in public law at the University of Cambridge (pending graduation). He accepts instructions in all areas of public and regulatory law.

### Cases

**R (Mandarin) v HM Commissioner for the BIOT (Human Rights Watch intervening)**
An appeal against a decision of the BIOT Supreme Court that an Order in Council providing that there is no right of abode for Chagossians in the Chagos Islands was and/or is unlawful (assisting Natasha Simonsen, led by Ben Jaffey KC, for Human Rights Watch).

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### Advice on motor finance redress scheme

Advising a financial services provider on a potential challenge to the Financial Conduct Authority's motor finance redress scheme (assisting Daniel Burgess, led by Jonathan Hough KC of 4 New Square Chambers).

## Civil Liberties & Human Rights

David accepts instructions in all areas of civil liberties and human rights.

### Cases

### [Prisoner] v Ministry of Justice

(County Court, 26 June 2026)

A successful prisoner's claim for failures to make reasonable adjustments, indirect disability discrimination and violations of Articles 3, 8 and 14 ECHR. After a 4.5-day trial, the Claimant was awarded substantial damages, including aggravated and exemplary damages, plus indemnity costs (assisting George Molyneaux, for the claimant).

### R (Mandarin) v HM Commissioner for the BIOT (Human Rights Watch intervening)

An appeal against a decision of the BIOT Supreme Court that an Order in Council providing that there is no right of abode for Chagossians in the Chagos Islands was and/or is unlawful (assisting Natasha Simonsen, led by Ben Jaffey KC, for Human Rights Watch).

### Re: complaint to Investigatory Powers Tribunal

Advising an international human rights charity on a possible complaint to the IPT concerning extraordinary rendition (assisting Natasha Simonsen).

### False imprisonment claim

A claim for aggravated and exemplary damages for false imprisonment against the Ministry of Justice (assisting Natasha Simonsen).

## Commercial

David accepts instructions in all areas of commercial law.

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### Cases

#### Re: a motor racing team

A multi-million dollar claim in the Commercial Court arising out of the sale of a motor racing team. The proceedings settled after the claimant served a strike out application (assisting Daniel Burgess, for the claimant).

## Competition

David accepts instructions in all areas of competition law.

### Cases

#### Evans v Barclays Bank Plc

An application to the Competition Appeal Tribunal to dismiss the proceedings and opposing an application to file an amended claim form following the Supreme Court's decision in Evans v Barclays Bank Plc [2025] UKSC 48, [2026] 2 All ER 733 (assisting Natasha Simonsen, led by Daniel Beard KC of Monckton Chambers and Sarah Ford KC of Brick Court Chambers, for Barclays Bank Plc).

#### Collective proceedings

Assisting with the draft CPO response on an opt-out collective proceedings claim in the Competition Appeal Tribunal.

## Public International Law

David accepts instructions in all areas of public international law.

### Cases

#### R (Mandarin) v HM Commissioner for the BIOT (Human Rights Watch intervening)

An appeal against a decision of the BIOT Supreme Court that an Order in Council providing that there is no right of abode for Chagossians in the Chagos Islands was and/or is unlawful (assisting Natasha Simonsen, led by Ben Jaffey KC, for Human Rights Watch).

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## Data Protection, Freedom of Information & Privacy

David accepts instructions in all areas of data protection, freedom of information and privacy law.

### Cases

**Judicial Appointments Commission v Choudhury**
[2026] UKFTT (GRC)

Application for costs and opposition to cross-application for costs following the withdrawal of the respondent's application to certify an offence to the Upper Tribunal (assisting Natasha Simonsen, for the applicant).

# ACHIEVEMENTS

### Education

- PhD in Law (pending graduation), Downing College, University of Cambridge
- LLM (Dist) Public Law, London School of Economics
- BA/LLB (1st Class Hons), University of Auckland

### Prizes and scholarships

- Squire Postgraduate Studentship in Law (2024)
- Cambridge Law Journal PhD Scholarship (2024)
- Wright Rogers Scholarship in Law (2023)
- First in The International Law of Self-Determination (2015)
- Senior Scholarship (2014)
- EUCN Honours Dissertation Scholarship (2014)
- Australian National University Research Scholarship (2012)
- First in Public Law Honours (2012)
- Auckland University Summer Research Scholarship (2011)

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