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Areas of Practice

— Procurement & Competition

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Practice Overview

"He's like the terminator of procurement law", David Gollancz is recognised as a leading public procurement lawyer in the UK and internationally; in 2015 acting for clients in Germany, Sweden and the United States and advising the government of Singapore. He was appointed to the Attorney General's Panel of Counsel in 2014. David specialises in all aspects of the law relating to public/private transactions, including state aid, TUPE, transfer of pensions and commercial elements. David also has a significant public law practice in the interface of commercial and public law, particularly in connection with the status and powers of local authorities and non-departmental public bodies. As the former head of the Public Procurement and Commercial team at the Treasury Solicitor's Department, David has in-depth understanding of the working of the public sector. In addition to his dispute resolution practice David has a substantial advisory practice, supporting contracting authorities or tenderers during the procurement process.

David was admitted as a solicitor in 1990 and spent the early years of his career as a trade union and legal aid lawyer. He joined the Treasury Solicitors Department in 1999 as an employment litigator. In 2001, David established TSol's Public Procurement and Commercial Contracts team, and the TUPE Task Force, both of which he led until leaving in 2005 to join City firm Field Fisher Waterhouse, where he was Head of Public Sector.

In 2010, David transferred to the Bar, joining Keating Chambers as a tenant on 1 August 2011. He has appeared for claimants and defendants in a number of high profile procurement challenges and procurement-related judicial review. Notable cases include R (Nash) v Barnet London Borough Council [2013] EWCA Civ 1004, Corelogic Ltd v Bristol City Council [2013] EWHC 2088 (TCC), Pearson Driving Assessments Ltd v The Minister for the Cabinet Office [2013] EWHC 2082 (TCC); Liconic AG v UK Biocentre Limited (unrep) 8 August 2014; Geodesign Barriers Ltd. v Environment Agency [2015] EWHC 1121 (TCC).

Recent Cases

Procurement & Competition

- Advising Law Society and others in negotiations with Lord Chancellor on legal aid reform.
- Acted for defendant in judicial review of transfer of community health care to “social enterprise”.
- Representing Swedish company in dispute with Home Office.
- Representing German company in dispute with UK public body.
- Acting for US company in dispute with NHS body.
- Advising Singapore government on public procurement matters.
- Advising Home Office in connection with procurement of Emergency Services Network.
- Advising local authorities in connection with State Aid and local enterprise zones.

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Selected Cases

- Geodesign Barriers Ltd. v Environment Agency [2015] EWHC 1121 (TCC)
- Liconic AG v UK Biocentre Limited (unrep) 08 August 2014
- Corelogic Ltd vs Bristol City Council [2013] EWHC 2088
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Education & Professional Career

Appointed to the Attorney General’s Panel of Counsel	2014
Public Access Approved	2012
Keating Chambers	2011
Called to Bar	2010
Commercial Team of the Year, British Legal Awards	2009
Postgraduate diploma (Merit) in EU Competition Law	2009
Head of Public Sector at Field Fisher Waterhouse LLP	2005
Postgraduate diploma in EC Law	2001
Treasury Solicitors	1999
Admitted Solicitor	1990

Memberships

Procurement Lawyers Association
Technology and Construction Bar Association
Competition Lawyers Association
Employment Lawyers Association
UK State Aid Law Association

Seminar, Publications & Papers

- David is the author of the PLC Public Sector Practice Note Impact of the public procurement regime on development agreements and has advised numerous local authorities on legal risk and risk mitigation in connection with regeneration and other development agreements.
 - Law Society's Gazette
 - The Lawyer
 - Public Private Finance
 - Supply Management
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Languages

French (conversational)

Additional Information

- Founder and former chair of Public/Private Procurement Forum.
 - Widely in-demand lecturer.
 - Active member of the Procurement Lawyers Association, member of working groups on framework agreements and draft TCC Protocol on Procedures for Public Procurement Cases.
 - Member of Bar Lesbian and Gay Group.
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