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## David Roderick

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David Roderick has an established general common law practice, with particular expertise in the specialist areas of personal injury, employment and public inquiry work.

He acts for Claimants and Defendants in personal injury cases, with a particular focus on high fast-track and multi-track value workplace and road traffic accidents. His expertise encompasses all types of personal injury claim, including public liability, employers' liability, occupiers' liability claims, highways claims, and claims under the Fatal Accident Act 1976.

In addition David practices in all areas of employment law work for both Claimants and Respondents, advising and appearing at trial on a broad range of issues including contractual disputes, unfair dismissal, all aspects of discrimination, redundancy exercises and TUPE.

David is also qualified to accept work directly from members of the public under the Public Access Scheme. Please contact the clerking team for further information.

## Clinical Negligence

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David has experience in drafting and advising in clinical negligence work and a keen interest in expanding this area of practice.

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## Costs

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David regularly appears in costs and case management hearings in the County Court and High Court. He also advises in respect of discrete costs points, recently including; interim payments of costs, the effect of Part 36 offers, the disapplication of qualified one-way costs shifting, and costs and compromise agreements.

## Credit Hire

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David has wide experience in credit hire cases from fast track level through to cases involving claims greater than £100,000. He regularly provides lectures and presentations on the subject of credit hire.

## Disciplinary

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David has a keen interest in disciplinary and regulatory work, in particular after gaining experience in financial services regulation and proceedings before the Regulatory Decisions Committee as a legal assistant in the Enforcement Division of the Financial Services Authority.

## Employment

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David has extensive experience in employment and discrimination claims. He acts for employers and employees from a wide client base which includes public services, blue chip companies, educational institutions, local authorities, charities, and housing associations, and individuals from a broad range of employment. He is able to deliver practical, commercially-minded solutions to all clients.

## Inquests

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David acts for interested persons at Inquests, and is often instructed to attend by Insurance companies in respect of the interests of their clients. Recent instructions to act include *MS v Eurotaxi*, December 2014, Avon Coroners Court, an inquest into the circumstances of a fatal collision between a motorcycle and a school minibus.

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# Personal Injury

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David has significant experience in all aspects of personal injury work. He undertakes drafting, conference, advocacy and advisory work daily.

## Public Access

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David was instructed as support counsel to the Baha Mousa Public Inquiry between 2008 – 2011, and from 2009 also acted as the judicial assistant to the Chairman of the Inquiry and former Court of Appeal Judge, the Right Honourable Sir William Gage. His role has included the analysis of many thousands of documents, hundreds of witness statements, and assisting in the preparation of the examination of over 250 witnesses. After the hearing of live evidence, to 2011, David continued to be instructed by the Inquiry in its report-writing phase.

## Regulatory

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## Notable Cases

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### Frost v Metroline Travel Ltd (2015)

Acted for the Defendant bus company. Collision between the bus and Claimant's car was denied in a PI action after payment for repairs was made by the insurer. Extensive CCTV evidence analysed at trial, and claim dismissed.

### MS v Eurotaxi (2014)

An inquiry into the circumstances of a fatal collision between a motorcycle and a school minibus.

### Renfree v Metroline Travel Ltd (2014)

Acted for the Defendant bus company in an alleged running down incident. Significant injury to C accepted as occurring after fall to the pavement. Extensive CCTV evidence analysed at trial resulting in a finding that contact between C and the bus was not proved.

### Martinez v Indigo Design & Building & Management Ltd (2013)

Multi-day unfair dismissal, sex and pregnancy and maternity discrimination. Acted for the successful Claimant. Majority of tribunal findings of acts of discrimination upheld by EAT (where Matthew Hodson appeared for the Claimant).

### Emerson v Traveforce (2013)

Multi-day automatic unfair dismissal claim on the grounds of health and safety. Acted for the successful Claimant.

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### Neelandra v Westminster County Council & Ors (2013)

Appeared on multiple occasions on behalf of the alleged highway authority where C had pursued multiple occupiers / the authority. Defect ultimately determined to be not on the highway. Claimant's cost arguments successfully resisted.

### Miler v Royal Institution of Chartered Accountants (2012)

Multi-day redundancy unfair dismissal. Acted for the successful Claimant.

### M v Family Mosaic Housing Association (2012)

Acted for the Respondent in a unfair dismissal and race discrimination claim after a Safeguarding of Vulnerable Adults (SOVA) incident of the utmost seriousness. Claims dismissed.

### Barrett v Writtle Agricultural College (2012)

Multi-day redundancy unfair dismissal and age discrimination. Acted for the successful Claimant.

### Thompson v Acctive Systems Ltd (2012)

Multi-day constructive unfair dismissal claim in the context of a redundancy exercise. Acted for the successful Claimant.

If you would like to instruct David Roderick or would like help or advice in doing so, please call and talk to our excellent clerking team, led by senior clerk Alan Kilbey MBE. Our phone number is +44 (0)20 7583 9241. Alternatively, please email us at [chambers@farrarsbuilding.co.uk](mailto:chambers@farrarsbuilding.co.uk)

For more information about our clerking team, please [click here](#) for the clerks page.

## Appointments & Memberships

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- Employment Lawyers Association
- Personal Injuries Bar Association
- South Eastern Circuit

## Education & Qualifications

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- BA Hons, University of Manchester (First Class)
- MA, King's College, London (Distinction)
- LLM, King's College, London, (Distinction)
- CPE, University of Westminster, (Distinction)
- BVC, Inns of Court School of Law, (Outstanding)
- The Times Law Essay Awards, 2nd Place (2007)
- Certificate of Honour for outstanding performance in Bar Finals, Middle Temple (2005)

## Testimonials

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“I have instructed David Roderick on a number of occasions for both personal injury and employment law matters over a number of years and have always found his advocacy, written advices and pleadings to be first rate. I would not have the slightest hesitation in recommending him to others. David is excellent with lay clients, being very friendly, approachable and able to explain complex issues so that clients understand. He is very swift in returning advices and calls.”

**Andrew Murrell, Partner, Drysdales Solicitors LLP**

“David is a barrister I regularly use and would not hesitate to recommend for advisory or employment tribunal matters. He grasps the nub of a case quickly and is at ease with any type of client.”

**Julie Temple, Partner, Quantrills Solicitors**

“In the most recent of many cases that David Roderick has undertaken for me, the Employment Judge remarked as to the exemplary way that David had conducted himself. That is what you get with David, great courtesy, great thoroughness and a high level of competence and customer approval. He is a quite excellent practitioner in his field.”

**Roger Vincent, Roger Vincent Associates**

“David’s written work is faultless. He is meticulous in his preparation and his arguments well thought out, structured and persuasive.”

**Louise Bland, Partner, Ellisons Solicitors**

## Previous Employment

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David previously worked in the live arts industries as a director and producer. After being called to the Bar in 2005, David read for an LLM and worked as a legal assistant in the Enforcement Division of the Financial Services Authority (now FCA), and at the DTI (now BIS), before joining Farrar’s Building as a pupil in 2007.

## Personal Interests

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When time permits, interests include theatre, reading history and political biography, and running.

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