



Practice Profile

David Osborne has been conducting significant criminal litigation and advocacy for over 20 years having been admitted to the Roll of Solicitors in 1996. Since his call to the bar in 2015 David has rapidly developed a senior practice, receiving instructions in a range of serious and complex cases. David is a Recorder of the Crown Court and authorised to sit at the Central Criminal Court.

He has been lauded by the solicitors instructing him for his careful preparation, ease with clients and engaging style. He has been praised for his sensitive and incisive cross-examination of witnesses and for the power of his closing speeches. His growing reputation has made him a popular choice for significant criminal cases. David's caseload includes murder, manslaughter, attempted murder, bribery, serious and historic sexual offending, and significant child-cruelty cases. He balances significant legal aid cases with privately-paid instructions.

Notable recent cases include a child cruelty case involving near-fatal injuries, Rex vs W, a Multi-million-pound bribery trial, Rex vs BA, a double attempted-murder trial involving submachine pistols and Rex vs DA, a six-month murder trial following a fatal shooting led by Sarah Forshaw KC.

David's Privacy Policy can be downloaded [here](#).

Areas of Practice

- General Crime
- Financial & Corporate Crime
- Homicide
- Serious & Organised Crime
- Sexual Offences

What The Directories Say

"He is a truly brilliant barrister. He has an exceptional ability to put clients at ease, is always on top of the papers and the jury love him." *Chambers UK 2025*

'David is a confident advocate who is not afraid of making big decisions. His past as a solicitor has taught him how to read the marketplace well and he also gets on well with his opponents.' *Legal 500*

News

Historic Sexual Abuse Acquittal

17 September 2024

A woman accused of historic sexual abuse was acquitted following a 4-day trial at St Albans Crown Court. The case, dating back to the 1990s, involved allegations of sexual abuse when both were children.

David Osborne was instructed by Shepherd Harris Solicitors.

Man Accused of Sexual Assault and Rape Acquitted

27 August 2024

A defendant accused of rape and sexual assault was acquitted following a five-day trial at Cambridge Crown Court. The case involved complex legal argument relating to bad character and sensitive cross examination of a vulnerable complainant.

David Osborne, acting on behalf of the client, was instructed by Shepherd Harris solicitors.

Conspiracy to Commit Violent Domestic Robbery

22 July 2024

A defendant accused of a conspiracy to commit violent domestic robbery was acquitted following a seven-day trial at Chichester Crown Court.

The case involved cross examination of a vulnerable witness, cell-site and ANPR evidence, and legal argument as to the admissibility of covert probe recordings.

David Osborne acting on behalf of the client, was instructed by Cantaris Locke Solicitors.'

Chambers Welcome David Osborne

9 April 2024

We are delighted to announce that David Osborne has joined 5KBW with immediate effect. David was called to the bar in 2015 having previously been admitted as a Solicitor in 1996. David has been conducting significant criminal litigation and advocacy for over 20 years and is ranked as a Leading Junior in the Legal 500. David is a Recorder of the Crown Court and authorised to sit at the Central Criminal Court.

Joint Head of Chambers, Sarah Forshaw KC has said of David's move, "We are obviously delighted to welcome David to 5KBW. David is known to many of us in chambers and brings a stellar practice and undoubted talent to our set. We wish David every continued success in his practice and are very much looking forward to working with him over the coming years."

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Recent Cases
