

David Pinnell

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David Pinnell is a specialist criminal barrister, with over three decades of defence experience. He is regularly instructed in serious and complex cases, including those involving homicide, firearms, and large-scale drug conspiracies.

David appears in the Crown Court and Court of Appeal, where he is known for his calm authority and thorough case preparation. His long-standing focus on defence work means he is trusted to deal with high-stakes matters requiring care, clarity, and expert judgment.

Before being called to the Bar, David spent 13 years as a defence solicitor. This background gives him a unique understanding of the pressures solicitors face and allows him to work closely and effectively with those who instruct him. He brings a pragmatic, client-first approach to every case, offering clear advice and focused advocacy throughout.

Solicitors value David's consistency, professionalism, and ability to get straight to the heart of a case. His experience, combined with a down-to-earth manner, makes him a reliable choice for complex criminal matters that demand both technical expertise and human insight.

Expertise

Crime

David is a defence specialist with experience in serious criminal cases, including homicide, firearms, and drug trafficking. He appears in the Crown Court and Court of Appeal, combining meticulous case analysis with clear, practical advocacy.

Regulatory

Drawing on his extensive criminal law background, David also acts in regulatory matters where criminal and disciplinary issues overlap. His defence solicitor roots and courtroom experience make him well-placed to advise professionals and organisations facing investigation or prosecution. He offers clear advice, careful preparation, and a strong understanding of reputational risk.

Appointments

- CPS Level 3 Prosecutor

Education

- Gray's Inn (2008)
- LLB (Hons), College of Law, Chester

Memberships

- Criminal Bar Association

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