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### MAIN AREAS OF PRACTICE:

Community care law  
EU law  
Environmental law and natural resources  
Discrimination and equality  
Education law  
Healthcare, mental health and mental capacity  
Human rights law  
Local government law  
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### DAVID'S RECENT AND CURRENT CASES INCLUDE:

- Acting for campaigners challenging the legality of the decision to commence badger culling in Northern Ireland
- Acting for a parent concerned about the exclusively religious RE curriculum in his son's school
- Acting for Fish Legal challenging inaction by regulators over pollution in the Costa Beck river
- Acting for Wild Justice challenging Ofwat's longstanding failure to monitor and take enforcement action against sewage treatment works which regularly dump untreated sewage into rivers and the sea
- Working with local campaigners against the fluoridation of drinking water in Cumbria
- Acting for local climate change activists challenging Norfolk County Council's road building programme
- Acting for Friends of the Earth challenging the legality of the Government's Net Zero Strategy (for tackling climate change)
- Acting for two disabled adults challenging the local social services authority's decision to withdraw the community care support which allowed them to access community facilities and respite trips
- Acting for Mark Avery challenging the legality of the Hen Harrier "brood management" scheme
- Acting for the "Paid to Pollute" campaign challenging the Oil and Gas Authority's "strategy" to encourage even uneconomic new North Sea oil extraction
- Acting for campaigners from around the River Severn challenging the legality of dredging as part of the Hinkley Point nuclear power station
- Acting for residents living near Southampton Airport challenging the legality of planning permission allowing its expansion
- Acting for Stonehenge campaigners challenging the legality of the Government's plans for a tunnel under Stonehenge
- Acting for parents who home educate in Portsmouth challenging the legality of the local authority's approach to oversight

- Acting for John's Campaign, challenging the Government restrictions on people entering and visiting care homes during the Covid-19 pandemic
- Acting for a person with mental health disabilities challenging the legality of the Government's approach to medical research funding
- Acting for campaigners around waste incineration challenging the failure of the UK Emissions Trading Scheme properly to tackle climate change
- Acting for disability campaigners challenging the unlawful failure to secure proper adjustments in train services
- Acting for Transport Action Network challenging the failure of the Government's road building strategy and planning policy to tackle climate change
- Acting for Friends of the Earth in its challenge arising from the climate change impacts of the proposed Heathrow expansion.
- Acting for Chris Packham in relation to the environmentally harmful consequences of the HS2 railway development
- Acting for Wild Justice challenging the failure to ensure that game birds are only released for sport shooting if their impact on EU Natura 2000 sites has been properly assessed first
- Acting for Menston Parish Council challenging Bradford's decision to allow the widening of a watercourse in a way which increases the risk of down-stream flooding
- Acting for a parent challenging the legality of plans to expand a faith school rather than a community school in Wales
- Acting for the Sikh Federation challenging the Government's decision not to identify 'Sikh' as an ethnicity option in the 2021 census
- Acting for health campaigners challenging the legality of a major hospital re-organisation in Hertfordshire
- Acting for social housing campaigners challenging the failure of the Elephant and Castle redevelopment scheme to include sufficient social housing
- Acting for people on the housing list in Lambeth challenging its Temp2Settle scheme which misleads them into losing their place on the list
- Acting for Keep Cumbrian Coal in the Ground in challenging the first modern decision to authorise a new coal mine in England
- Acting for The Anti Sizewell Campaign challenging the enabling works for the Sizewell C nuclear power station
- Acting for the Independent Schools Inspectorate in the Independent Child Sexual Abuse Inquiry
- Acting for individual humanists challenging the refusal to allow them to be members of Local Authority Standing Advisory Council's on Religious Education
- Acting for a range of affected people across the world challenging the legality of the EU's Renewable Energy Directive's approach to the burning of biomass
- Acting for Client Earth and the Marine Conservation Society challenging the amendments made to the Habitats Directive as part of the Brexit process

- Acting for a consortium of environmental NGOs challenging the compliance of the UK system of judicial review with the Aarhus Convention
- Acting for a London resident in his challenge to the Mayor's decision to close police station counters in London.
- Acting for local anti-fracking groups including at Preston New Road in Lancashire.
- Acting for parents at various maintained schools challenging the legality of proposals to convert them into academies.
- Acting for Talk Fracking challenging the government's failure to take into account up to date evidence on the climate change impact of fracking.
- Acting for parents challenging the approach to 'god' and Christian worship in their local primary school.
- Acting for Wild Justice in its challenges to the 'general licence' schemes in England, Wales and Northern Ireland which allow for widespread unjustified killing of wild birds.
- Acting for the Equality and Human Rights Commission challenging the legality of the NHS's approach to fertility preservation for trans patients.
- Acting for a disabled woman challenging the legality of Birmingham's consultation on plans to reorganize its day-centre provision.
- Acting for Mark Avery in his challenge to the legality of a proposed Hen Harrier 'brood management' scheme.
- Acting for a disabled man challenging a CCG's decision to fund a care plan only sufficient for a nursing home, rather than supporting him to return home.
- Acting for the Equality and Human Rights Commission in the Supreme Court's consideration of whether parents can agree to their 17 year old children being locked up.
- Acting for an anti-fracking campaigner challenging the legality of the Government's scheme for extending fracking licences.
- Acting for a teenager with SEN challenging the legality of Leeds' proposals only to provide 3 day a week post 16 placements.
- Acting for a Haringey resident challenging the Council's decision to set up a partnership with a private developer (the HDV) to redevelop all the Council's property assets including homes
- Acting for the RSPB, Client Earth and Friends of the Earth in their legal challenge to new court costs rules which will make it harder to bring environmental legal challenges.
- Acting for residents in their legal challenge to a new parking scheme in Hammersmith and Fulham.
- Acting for Chancepoxies, an animal welfare charity, in its legal challenges to licences issued to 'puppy farms'.
- Acting for children challenging Oxfordshire's decision to close its Children's Centres.
- Acting for local campaigners and Friends of the Earth challenging the legality of decisions to permit fracking including in Ryedale (North Yorkshire), in Balcombe (West Sussex) and Preston New Road (Lancashire).

- Acting for Humanists UK in its challenge to the legality of the Religious Studies GCSE curriculum.
- Acting for St Mary Magdalene Academy in its challenge to the Home Office's refusal to allow its Chinese student exchange programme.
- Acting for Shepherds Bush Market Tenants Association challenging the planned redevelopment of the market.
- Acting for residents of Cressingham Estate challenging the legality of the decisions to demolish the estate.
- Acting for hospital patients challenging the legality of the NHS Guidance which told doctors to pass their personal details to immigration officials.
- Acting for Child Soldiers International challenging the legality of the rules for recruiting under 18s to the Army.
- Acting for the children of a transgender woman challenging the way she was recorded on their birth certificates.
- Acting for WWF and Fish Legal challenging the Government's slow action on the impacts of farm pollution on EU protected Special Areas of Conservation.
- Acting for buskers challenging Camden's busking licensing scheme.
- Acting for disabled people challenging cuts to community care services including in Merton and Birmingham.
- Acting for the Equality and Human Rights Commission in the recent Court of Appeal case which established that doctors are obliged to consult patients before imposing DNACPR Notices.
- Acting for Badger Trust challenging the legality of the Government's decision to allow badger culling in Somerset and Gloucestershire without it being subject to independent oversight and evaluation.
- Acting for the Irish National Trust challenging the legality of the Government's decision to grant planning permission for Hinkley Point C nuclear power station without consulting people in Ireland on its potential impact (from nuclear accidents) in Ireland.
- Acting for severely disabled people challenging the legality of the Government's decision to close the Independent Living Fund (which allows some 18,000 disabled people to live independently including living in the community, attending education and working).
- Acting for the campaign group on behalf of some 172,000 people living along the route of HS2 challenging the legality of the Government's compensation proposals.