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Practice Profile

David Altaras has specialised in planning law for the whole of his professional career, since being a pupil in the leading planning set in the north of England. He also practises in the field of consumer law and commercial law, including arbitration.

David has been instructed by developers, local planning authorities and third party objectors on major section 78 appeals (including superstores, airfields, MSAs, gas and oil terminals, wind farms, gypsies, listed buildings and basements) and on enforcement appeals. He has promoted local plans and UDPs on behalf of local authorities (for example, Tendring District Council, Chelmsford Borough Council, The Royal Borough of Kingston-upon-Thames, London Borough of Havering). For many years, he was the Department of Transport's preferred counsel on major highway inquiries. He has appeared in many judicial review cases to quash planning permissions and local plans and in appeals to the High Court and Court of Appeal against planning inspector's decisions.

David has advised on compulsory purchase issues and has represented the Government, local authorities and objectors at compulsory purchase inquiries.

He has appeared in Magistrates Courts, the Crown Court and in the Court of Appeal (Crim Div) acting both for the defence and the prosecution in prosecutions for breach of enforcement notices, of Tree Preservation Orders and of Stop Notices. As a Recorder, he has tried cases involving prosecutions for breach of planning control.

He has been instructed in Council tax and rating cases.

Other property litigation in which he has been instructed includes conveyancing, easements, restrictive

Areas of Experience

- Planning
- Property
- Commercial Litigation
- Consumer
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covenants, sale of land, boundaries and probate.

David welcomes instructions from Local Authorities and is able, if required, to offer a single, inclusive fee to cover all aspects of a particular case.

Recently David has been involved in a number of high profile consumer law cases, often involving Part VIII of the Enterprise Act 2002. He is the author of Chapter 3 "Civil Enforcement" of the leading textbook on consumer law "Consumer and Trading Standards Law and Practice". He lectures regularly on Part VIII enforcement.

Much of David's work is advisory. He has a well-deserved reputation for the quality of his advice and the speed with which it is returned.

David is available to sit as an arbitrator (rates given on request).

He welcomes direct public access under the Bar Council's public access scheme.

David has been a Recorder of the Crown Court since 1992. He is a fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators. He is a liveryman of the Worshipful Company of Arbitrators.

He is also a member of the Planning & Environmental Bar Association

Publications

36 Agriculture Newsletter

Are de-activated telecommunications stations liable for rates?

The environmental information regulations 2004 - An Update

Chartered institue of Arbitrators journal