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David specialises in immigration, extradition and human rights work. He is an experienced advocate, successful before the European Court of Human Rights and courts and tribunals at every level. He is recognised as an International Expert by the Council of Europe. He is ranked as a leading junior in both Immigration and Extradition

Areas of expertise

- Extradition
- Immigration, Nationality & Asylum Law

Extradition

David is an extradition specialist barrister, acting on behalf of both individuals and judicial authorities at all levels. He is regularly instructed in complex part 1 and part 2 matters. He has a thorough understanding of international mutual legal assistance having for a number of years advised the Serious Fraud Office in a high profile investigation into multi-million dollar international corporate corruption. Before coming to the Bar David worked for Linklaters and has a strong background in international commercial litigation. He is on the CPS Specialist Extradition Panel and is B Panel Counsel for the Serious Fraud Office. He is a contributor to the leading text book on Criminal Judicial Review.

Immigration, Nationality & Asylum Law

David is an experienced immigration practitioner, working in all areas of immigration, with particular expertise in unlawful detention, asylum, human rights and EU law. He is Trustee of the Immigration Law Practitioners Association. Before coming to the Bar he was a caseworker for the Immigration Advisory Service, working directly with unaccompanied minors and victims of torture. He regularly appears before the First Tier, Upper Tier, High Court and Court of Appeal. He has particular experience in judicial review matters whether before the Upper Tier or High Court. He has appeared in landmark litigation before the President of the Immigration and Asylum Chamber on the procedure for immigration judicial reviews (*R (on the application of KA and another) v Secretary of State for the Home Department (ending of Kumar arrangements)*). He is currently acting in a case pending before the European Court of Human Rights on the operation of the rules on refugee family reunion.



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Notable cases

European Court of Human Rights

Unuane v UK [2021] 72 EHRR 24

Successful Article 8 appeal in context of deportation, described on Free Movement as a “slobber knocker” of a case.

High Court & Divisional Court

Ene v Romania [2026] EWHC 286 (Admin)

Key consideration of operation of provisions on right to retrial and deliberate absence in context of Trade and Cooperation Agreement

Cohen v Germany [2025] EWHC 1851 (Admin); [2025] ACD 118

Complex suicide risk case with voluminous expert evidence

Mohammed v Romania [2025] EWHC 1671 (Admin); [2025] 4 WLR 85

Lead case on the operation of deliberate absence provisions

Gurau v Romania No 2 [2024] EWHC 1924 (Admin)

Lead case on Romanian prison conditions

Gurau v Romania No 1 [2023] 1 WLR 2813; [2023] EWHC 439 (Admin)

Lead authority on scope of cross appeal jurisdiction in extradition proceedings

Marinescu v Romania [2022] EWHC 2317 (Admin)

Divisional Court decision on Romanian prison conditions

Prusianu v Romania [2022] HRLR 19; [2022] EWHC 1929 (Admin)

Sensitive case relating to extradition of a trans requested person, and considering the operation of the extraneous considerations bar



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Notable cases

Killoran v Belgium [2021] EWHC 2290 (Admin)

Lead case on the operation of s12A and issue of whether there has been a decision to charge or try on context of Belgian criminal proceedings

Enasoiaie v Romania [2021] EWHC 69 (Admin)

Consideration of the role of specialty in Romania

Bernotas v Lithuania [2021] EWHC 1410 (Admin)

Challenge to nature of assurances on Lithuanian prison conditions

Court of Appeal

Sicwebu v Secretary of State for the Home Department [2023] EWCA Civ 550

Successful deportation appeal against Zane Malik KC relating to operation of “unduly harsh” test

KG (Turkey) v Secretary of State for the Home Department [2022] EWCA Civ 1578 1 Dec 2022

Appeal concerning proper scope of duty to give reasons and application of credibility exercise required by section 8 of the Asylum and Immigration (Treatment of Claimants, etc.) Act 2004

R (AK) v Entry Clearance Officer (Islamabad) [2021] EWCA Civ 1038

Led by Tim Buley KC in appeal concerning challenge to operation of de facto adoptions

Appointments & Memberships

- Immigration Law Practitioners’ Association
- Defence Extradition Lawyers’ Forum
- Extradition Lawyers’ Association
- Administrative Law Bar Association
- CPS Panel appointments – Extradition – Level 4



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Testimonials

David Ball is brilliant in court and is a compelling advocate. **Chambers UK, 2026**

David is someone you always want on your side. He is able to make the most complex point understandable and is a truly gifted advocate. **Legal 500 2026**

David Ball is a very fair advocate, whether prosecuting or defending. He is very knowledgeable, down-to-earth, serious and kind. **Chambers UK, 2026**

He is very patient, even in the toughest of moments with imminent deadlines. He is very responsive and easy to work with. **Chambers UK, 2026**

He is very smart, having a very quick brain in all sorts of extradition cases. He is also the leading authority on Article 8. **Chambers UK, 2026**

Tactical and creative in the way he runs cases. Highly experienced and knowledgeable. Very high standards of drafting and a personable approach. **Legal 500 2026**

He has an expert understanding of the nitty gritty of extradition law, and his advice work is on point, and clearly very carefully considered. Legally and tactically he is top notch, and he is one of the leading extradition juniors. **Legal 500, 2025**

David is very tactical and will switch up his style and work different angles depending on the case. **Chambers UK, 2025**

David is a persuasive and powerful advocate, both orally and in writing. **Chambers UK, 2025**

David has an exceptional grasp of our cases, and his joint commitment to immigration and extradition is often extremely valuable. **Chambers UK, 2025**

