



Mark Davies

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Area of expertise

Arbitration, Civil & Commercial, Criminal Law, Licensing, Personal Injury, Planning & Environmental, Public Law, Regulatory & Competition.

Overview

Mark joined Chambers in September 2017 following the successful completion of his pupillage under [William Upton](#), [Simon Taylor](#) and [Christopher Badger](#). Prior to joining Six Pump Court, Mark worked as a paralegal for two years in commercial law firms, which gives him an excellent insight into their day-to-day workings.

Education

Philosophy with Classical Civilisation, University of Warwick Graduate Diploma in Law, University of Plymouth Bar Professional Training Course, University of Law

Appointments

CPS Level 2 Advocate Panel 2016-2020 (London and South-Eastern Circuits) Appointed to the List of Specialist Regulatory Advocates in Health & Safety and Environmental Law (List C)

Publications

Contributing author to *Garner's Environmental Law Encyclopaedia*

Practice

Mark has a broad practice and appears regularly in a variety of courts, as well as producing opinions and pleadings across various practice areas. In the past six months he has also assisted on large-scale disclosure projects for two government departments. [Planning and Environmental](#) Mark spent three months of pupillage with William Upton observing a variety of planning matters including High Court work and local authority planning inquiries. From his time with Christopher Badger, Mark saw a thorough cross-section of environmental prosecution and defence work, as well as producing first-draft advices on various areas including the EU



Emissions Trading Scheme. Mark has, in his own right, been involved in the prosecution of various minor planning and environmental offences by undertaking prosecution lists for London Borough Authorities and has recently prosecuted a three-day Crown Court trial for fly-tipping offences. On the advisory side, Mark has written advice for a global NGO on the impact of the Withdrawal Bill on environmental principles. He is a regular contributor to Chambers' [Weekly Environmental Law News](#). [Inquests and Inquiries](#)

From the start of tenancy Mark has gained significant experience of public inquiries and inquests. He is instructed on behalf of MHCLG in the Grenfell Tower Inquiry and has also assisted the Home Office in the Brook House Inquiry.

In respect of inquests, work highlights include appearing on behalf of the family of a man who died whilst holidaying in St Lucia and appearing for the family of a forester killed whilst felling. In the former, Mark successfully persuaded the Coroner to make a Regulation 28 report to the High Commissioner for St Lucia in the UK. Reported: [The Guardian](#), [The Telegraph](#), [The Daily Mail](#).

Civil, Commercial and Chancery Mark has conducted numerous small claims and fast track trials. More particularly, he has also successfully applied for summary judgment in a defamation action, appeared in an appeal against a decision not to grant relief from sanctions and recovered a debt owed personally by the director of a series of Phoenix companies. He has appeared in the District Registry, successfully acting for an executrix in an application to pass-over, and has experience of advising in respect of the Inheritance (Provision for Family and Dependents) Act. He is well versed in Police (Property) Act cases for actions concerning the recovery of property seized during the course of investigations. From experiences during pupillage and working as a paralegal previously, Mark is confident drafting pleadings across a number of practice areas. Licensing Mark assisted in drafting a lengthy advice during pupillage on the merits of challenging the licence renewal of a well-known ride sharing app under the taxi and other legislation. He has been successful in having the decision of TfL to revoke a suburban London taxi driver's licence overturned and also has experience of prosecuting various licensing offences, including the sale of prohibited items to underage persons and Housing Act offences, for Local Authorities. Personal Injury Mark secured repeat instructions during pupillage for Stage 3 hearings as well as undertaking infant approval settlements and drafting advices on quantum. He recently appeared in a mock-trial for the Institution of Occupational Safety and Health (East Anglia Branch) concerned with the recovery of damages for an injury sustained at work. Criminal Mark spent four months of his pupillage with Simon Taylor observing trials, both prosecution and defence, of matters including serious sexual offences, grievous bodily harm and driving offences. During his 2nd Six Mark appeared regularly in the Magistrates' Courts undertaking trials and in the Crown Court, where his work included prosecuting and defending committals for sentence, conducting appeals against conviction and sentence and undertaking Proceeds of Crime Act hearings. Below is a brief selection of appearances Mark has undertaken.

- *R v Austen* [Canterbury Crown Court] – defending in a trial of theft and criminal damage where the defence was claim of right.
- *R v Devereux* [Norwich Magistrates' Court] – representing a defendant pleading guilty to



two offences under the Computer Misuse Act 1971. Successfully argued that the Magistrates should retain jurisdiction for sentencing despite the cost of the hacking to Norwich Airport and Norwich Hospital. View [BBC News Report](#)

- *R v Jeddi* [Canterbury Crown Court] – defending a Hungarian national at sentence in a case for the importation of 880kg of tobacco and numerous other prohibited items.
- *R v Mallon, Gayle, McComb* [Central Criminal Court] – defending at sentence in a three-handed affray.
- *R v Richards* [Leicester Crown Court] – defending in a three-day trial concerned with the importation of drugs and mobile phones into prison.

Professional memberships

Health & Safety Lawyers Association

Planning and Environment Bar Association

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Lincoln's Inn, Lord Denning Scholar

UKELA, Student Adviser 2015-2017