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Experienced and accomplished sports law specialist.

David Casserly SC is co-Head of Kellerhals Carrard's Sports Practice.

David is a barrister (Senior Counsel and Member of the Inner Bar) (Bar of Ireland; Bar of England & Wales) and attorney (Bar of New York; Bar of Vaud (EU Lawyer)) specialised in the areas of sports law and international arbitration.

He is ranked as a leading sports lawyer by every major legal directory (details below).

Expertise

Sports Law →

Arbitration →

Dispute Resolution and Litigation →

Career

- Since 2018
  Partner, Kellerhals Carrard, Lausanne
- Since 2008
  Barrister, Law Library, Bar of Ireland
- 2009–2011
  Attorney, international arbitration practice of a boutique Swiss law firm, Geneva
- 2005–2008
  Legal Counsel & Head of Mediation, Court of Arbitration for Sport
- 2003–2004
  Attorney, international arbitration practice of a large US law firm, Paris

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Memberships

David Casserly has held numerous leadership roles in the areas of sports law and dispute resolution, including:

- Chairman, International Bar Association (IBA) Sub-Committee on Sports Law.
- Vice-Chairman, UIA Sports Law Commission.
- Judicial Chair of Sport Dispute Solutions Ireland (SDSI).
- Executive Committee, International Association of Football Lawyers (AIAF).
- Chairman, AIAF Football Disputes Committee.
- Editorial Board, Football Legal.
- Editorial Board, Law in Sport.
- Advisory Board, Middle East Sports Law Platform.
- Steering Committee, LawAccord.
- Executive Committee, Sports Law Bar Association.
- ADR & Arbitration Committee, Bar Council of Ireland.
- Global Steering Committee, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators YMG.

He is also a member of a number of sports law (ANZSLA, ASDS, BASL, IASL, SLA, AIAF), arbitration (ASA, Arbitration Ireland, CIArb) and professional (The Honourable Society of the Middle Temple, Vaud Bar Association, Swiss Bar Association) organisations.

Education

- Admitted to the Bar of Vaud (EU Lawyer)
- Admitted to the Bar of Ireland
- Admitted to the Bar of England & Wales
- Admitted to the New York Bar
- Masters II Droit du Sport, Université Paris Sorbonne
- Arbitration Fellow, The Chartered Institute of Arbitrators
- Accredited Mediator, ADR Group
- Barrister-at-Law Degree, The Honorable Society of King's Inns
- Diploma in Construction Law, Trinity College Dublin
- Diploma in Legal French, ICC Paris and the Law Society of Ireland
- Diploma in Arbitration, University College Dublin
- Bachelor of Civil Law Degree, University College Dublin
- French and European Civil Law, Université de Caen

Other Activities

- Member of several arbitration and mediation panels, including the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS), Sports Resolutions, International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution (CEDR) and Sport Dispute Solutions Ireland (SDSI). Former vice-chairman of the Irish Sports Anti-Doping Disciplinary Panel.
- Lectures on sports dispute resolution in universities in Ireland, Spain, Portugal, USA, France and Switzerland.

Languages

English, French

Rankings & Awards

Legal 500 2026: A year of work with our clients reflected in the rankings	March 30, 2026
Chambers Europe 2026: Recognition that reflects our clients' trust	March 19, 2026
Trusted by Clients, Acknowledged for Excellence - Legal500 2025	March 27, 2025
Committed to Clients, Recognised for Excellence – Chambers Europe 2025	March 20, 2025
Kellerhals Carrard Shines in The Legal 500 2024 Rankings	March 27, 2024
Kellerhals Carrard Earns Top Honors in Chambers Europe 2024	March 14, 2024
Kellerhals Carrard Ranked as a Top Tier Firm by The Legal 500 2023	April 18, 2023
Kellerhals Carrard recognised in Chambers Europe 2023	March 20, 2023