

DAVID T. KINNEAR (OC 1985-88)

David is an un-abashed, proud Old Cat and former member of Lewisham – having graduated in 1985 to then study law at Manchester University and subsequently Bar School in London. He has been enjoying time to visit the school and reconnect with fellow alumni since his return from 25+ years in New York shortly before lockdown. Facebook was helpful in bringing many of us back together virtually – but there is nothing quite like getting together with old dear friends in person. The 2021 BBQ was fabulous and the annual dinner (and after-party) at Drapers' Hall was great fun. He is a huge fan of using social media to help connect and bring people together, such as Facebook and the OC Group he launched on LinkedIn (join!). The advances in staff, facilities and real estate are extraordinary – and great to see.

As a Barrister & International Commercial Counsel, he brings 25+ years of business, legal and strategic experience to the table for clients. In addition, David is a legal technology founder & Investor including "CliXLEX", now KIM Technologies (www.Ask.KIM), and most recently, Small Claims Portal (www.SmallClaimsPortal.com) – designed to make U.K. County Court litigation simpler and more cost-efficient for users). He is the Publisher of HPC.LAW (www.HPC.LAW) – exploring the leadership dynamic and future drivers of the modern, global legal industry - in the US and UK especially.

David spent his early years in private litigation practice – largely focused on substantial construction, engineering and commercial real estate disputes. He worked for leading law firms Pinsent Masons and Linklaters in London before moving to New York to join Credit Suisse. As Counsel and Chief Administrative Officer, he helped negotiate & execute the relocation of Credit Suisse into its (now) NYC global HQ in midtown – the iconic Eleven Madison Avenue.

On a personal note, he participated in the 1986 and 1992 Tall Ships Races with the Rona Trust, with which he became involved through David Rogers while at Caterham. In '92, he raced (and survived) the trans-Atlantic (Boston to Liverpool) with many-a-story to tell. He remains a vintage, honorary member of the Racal Decca Rugby Club at Tolworth with whom he played and toured until leaving for NY. He enjoys walking, talking, poetry, clay shooting, skiing, getting together with friends and driving his very old but adorable '99 Merc E240.

David graduated from the University of Manchester with Honors in Law and Bar School (College of Legal Education) in London, and has been a member of Middle Temple since 1989.