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David Knott is a Case Controller at the Serious Fraud Office, having joined from Herbert Smith Freehills in 2020, where he had been a Senior Associate in the Corporate Crime and Investigations team.

David led the team which successfully prosecuted two former directors of Global Forestry Investments for conspiring to defraud investors of £37 million across three Brazilian teak tree investment schemes. The schemes falsely claimed that the investments were secure, would help to protect the Amazon rainforest and support local Brazilian communities. In 2025 the Court of Appeal upheld the convictions and the 11-year prison sentences and refused permission to appeal to the Supreme Court.

David helped write the SFO's new corporate cooperation guidance and is an SFO representative at the International Anti-Corruption Prosecutorial Taskforce.