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Daniel Stedman Jones specialises in planning, environmental and energy law. He represents developers, companies, central and local government authorities, landowners and local residents at inquiry and in court up to the Supreme Court.

Cases of note

- *R (Smolas) v Herefordshire Council* [2021] EWHC 1663 (Admin); [2021] PTSR 1896
- *Smith v Castle Point BC* [2020] EWCA 1420; and [2020] Env LR 18; [2019] EWHC 2019 (Admin)
- *R (on the application of Oval Estates (St Peter's) Ltd) v Bath and North-East Somerset Council* [2020] PTSR 861
- *Manchester Ship Canal Co v Vauxhall Motors* [2019] UKSC 46; [2020] 2 All E.R. 81; [2018] 2 WLR 330; [2017] 1 Costs L.O. 71 and [2016] EWHC 2960 (Ch)
- *Npower Direct Ltd v Gas and Electricity Markets Authority* [2018] EWHC 3576 (Admin); [2019] ACD 35

Daniel is the deputy head of 39 Essex Chambers' Energy Group, a co-editor of Sweet & Maxwell's Planning Law: Practice and Precedents and a contributor to Harwood on Planning Permission (forthcoming).

Daniel is the author of *Masters of the Universe: Hayek Friedman and the Birth of Neoliberal Politics* (Princeton: 2012), which has been translated into Chinese, Russian, Korean and Catalan.



Areas of expertise

Planning and Property

-- Development Consent Orders and Infrastructure

-- Highways, Footpaths and Rights of Way

Environment

Energy and Natural Resources

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Daniel's energy practice spans commercial energy disputes, energy regulation, licence conditions, renewables (including the renewables heat incentive, Renewables Obligation Certificates (ROCs) and the renewables obligation), infrastructure and the planning process (including DCOs), and Ofgem enforcement/energy investigations. Daniel regularly acts for energy companies, developers and commercial entities in energy matters. He was previously seconded at Ofgem (2014) and has worked on some of the most significant recent energy cases, including *NPower Direct Ltd v Gas and Electricity Markets Authority* [2019] A.C.D. 35, R. (on the application of *UK Power Networks Services (Contracting) Ltd*) *v Gas and Electricity Markets Authority* [2015] A.C.D. 28 and the first ever Ofgem Enforcement Decision Panel (EDP) hearing (2018).

Cases of note

- **Elwy Solar Farm DNS [Ongoing]** - Daniel acts on behalf of the promoter of this DNS solar farm in North Wales, which will provide >50MW in solar power per annum.
- **OFGEM Investigation into United Gas and Power [Ongoing]** - Daniel acts for the energy supplier, UGP, which is under investigation by Ofgem.
- **£30 Million Solar Farm (2021)** - Daniel acts in respect of a commercial contractual dispute arising from a high-value renewable energy solar farm installation.
- **NPower Direct Ltd v Gas and Electricity Markets Authority [2019] A.C.D. 35** - Daniel acted for Npower in this challenge to an Ofgem direction to inform 100,000 of its customers as part of a trial to improve customer engagement.
- **OFGEM Investigation into Npower [2018-2019]** - Daniel acted for Npower in an enforcement investigation by Ofgem, including before the first ever enforcement.

Recommendations

Daniel is regularly ranked as a leading practitioner in both Chambers and Partners and The Legal 500. Recent quotes include:

- *"He is a persuasive advocate on paper and in oral arguments, with a very high commitment to client interest."* Chambers and Partners 2022
- *"His arguments, whether oral or written, are always well structured and clear, and he has the ability to inspire confidence in clients."* The Legal 500 2022
- *"Daniel's strength lies in his ability to inspire confidence both in clients and instructing solicitors. His arguments whether oral or written are always well-structured and clear. Combined with his approachable and likeable manner you know he always has the client's best interests at heart and is a safe pair of hands."* The Legal 500 2022
- *"He is an expert in his field, an imaginative, clear and confident advocate who leaves no stone unturned."* The Legal 500 2021
- *"An Outstanding Advocate"* Chambers and Partners 2019

Memberships

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- PEBA
 - UKELA
 - COMBAR

Qualifications

Education

- 2009, University of Pennsylvania, PhD
- 2004, University of Pennsylvania, MA Poli Sci/Urban Studies Certificate
- 1999, University of Oxford, MA Hons
- 1996, Pimlico Comprehensive School

Scholarships and Prizes

- 2010 – Richard Yorke Scholar, Grays Inn
- 2009 – Gray’s Inn Scholar
- 2008-2009 – Quinn Fellow, University of Pennsylvania
- 2004-2008 – Ben Franklin Fellow, University of Pennsylvania
- 2003-2004 – Thouron Scholar, University of Pennsylvania

Additional Information

Publications

- Harwood on Planning Permission 2nd Edition (Forthcoming)
- Sweet & Maxwell’s Planning Law Practice & Precedents, (Co-editor).
- Encyclopedia of Environmental Law (Contributor).
- Construction Contracts: Law and Practice Richard Wilmot-Smith QC (OUP) 2014 (contributor).
- Masters of the Universe (2012), Princeton University Press.
- The Politics of Bandwidth: Network Innovation and Regulation in Broadband Britain (2002), Demos.
- Transformation, Not Automation: the e-Government Challenge (2001), Demos.

In addition to co-editing Sweet & Maxwell’s Planning Law Practice & Precedents, Daniel is a member of the Editorial Board of the 39 Essex Chambers Planning and Environment Newsletter.

Daniel is a historian of modern America and Britain.

Pro Bono Work

Daniel often conducts pro bono work on behalf of a variety of clients, including the Environmental Law Foundation.

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