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“Daniel is incredibly sharp, with an ability to absorb and analyse large volumes of information quickly and accurately, following which he formulates sound advice and strategy.” The Legal 500 2024

Daniel has a broad civil litigation and public law practice, specialising principally in the fields of personal injury and clinical negligence, insurance fraud, costs and litigation funding, inquests, inquiries and investigations, and health and safety. He is ranked in The Legal 500 in the areas of clinical negligence and costs.

He is a proficient and experienced advocate, having appeared in tribunals, County Courts, the Crown Court, the Coroner’s Court, and in the High Court, both led and as sole counsel. Alongside his court work, he has a busy advisory and paperwork practice.

Daniel is familiar working for a wide range of clients, from individuals to corporations and government departments. He is currently instructed as junior counsel to the Grenfell Tower Inquiry and is appointed to the Attorney General’s C Panel.

Daniel is a specialist contributor to Bullen & Leake’s Precedents of Pleadings, a contributing expert to Lexis Nexis PSL in the fields of personal injury, clinical negligence and dispute resolution, and is a trustee of Pro Bono Community, a charity that provides training and placements to law students in advice centres across London. He also volunteers for the Independent Provider of Special Education Advice (IPSEA), a charity offering legal advice to parents of children with special educational needs.

Areas of expertise

Personal Injury

-- Insurance Fraud

-- Product Liability

-- Health and Safety

Clinical Negligence

Investigations

Inquests

Costs and Litigation Funding

Inquests

Daniel is an experienced inquest lawyer, both in his own right and as a junior. He is familiar with all aspects of coronial law such as the applicability of Article 2 of the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR), jury inquests and the conclusions available to a coroner. He is well versed in the specific challenges posed by ongoing, high-profile and document-heavy cases. He has been instructed in inquests arising out of a range of contexts including terror attacks, national disasters, healthcare and road traffic accidents.

Daniel has experience in a range of areas including:

- Deaths in state custody
- Defective products
- Healthcare
- Road traffic accidents
- Suicide and self-harm
- Workplace accidents/health and safety

Daniel is available to advise at an early stage in respect of disclosure, procedure and tactics, as well as to provide representation at both pre-inquest reviews and final hearings. His specialism in civil litigation renders him well placed to advise in relation to claims where both coronial and civil proceedings are anticipated.

Cases of note:

- Inquest in a healthcare context arising from alleged neglect
- Inquest in two deaths arising from a road traffic accident collision
- Inquest arising from suicide and self-harm material on social media
- Westminster Bridge inquests
- Second Deepcut inquest

Memberships

- Personal Injury Bar Association
- South Eastern Circuit

Qualifications

Education

- New College, Oxford: BA (Hons) Music
- City University, London: GDL (Commendation)
- City Law School, London: BPTC (Outstanding)

Scholarships

- Buchanan Prize
- Shelford Scholarship
- Lord Denning Scholarship

- Lord Haldane Scholarship
- Hardwicke Entrance Award

Additional Information

Appointments

- Trustee, Pro Bono Community
- Lexis Nexus Panel Expert
- Executive Committee, Personal Injury Bar Association
- Author, Bullen & Leake's Precedents of Pleadings, Product Liability

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