



## Daniel Laking

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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

## Personal Injury

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Daniel is frequently instructed in multi-track personal injury cases for both claimants and defendants. His practice includes high-value claims in which he is often instructed as sole counsel. He is frequently instructed to draft pleadings, schedules and counter-schedules and is familiar with cases involving complex expert evidence.

Daniel is available to advise on liability across a broad spectrum of cases, including:

- Animals Act claims
- Cross-border/international accidents
- Employers' liability
- E-scooters and micro-mobility
- Fatal Accident Act claims
- Fraud/fundamental dishonesty
- Highways Act claims
- Noise induced hearing loss and disease claims
- Occupiers' liability
- Road traffic accidents
- Secondary victim cases
- Sexual abuse and assault claims

He is well placed to advise on accidents at work due to his related specialisms in coronial law and health and safety, and has extensive experience of Fatal Accident Act claims. He is also able to advise on enforcement methods in relation to orders for costs and damages following trial.

Daniel appears in court for trials and interlocutory hearings on a regular basis. He has extensive witness handling experience, particularly in cases involving complex expert evidence and allegations of fraud.

Prior to pupillage, Daniel worked as a paralegal to a senior junior practising solely in catastrophic personal injury. He is proficient at drafting complex schedules and counter-schedules in high-value personal injury and Fatal Accident Act cases, particularly those involving dependency, care, accommodation/adaptions and loss of earnings/pension. Daniel is available to advise on complex quantum and future loss issues.

### Cases of note:

Recent instructions include:

- A claim arising out of sexual abuse of a minor
- A Fatal Accident Act claim arising out of an accident at work and related inquest proceedings
- A brain injury claim arising out of a road traffic accident
- A public liability claim arising out of defective premises
- A chronic pain case which began with short-lived soft tissue injuries.

## Memberships

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- Personal Injury Bar Association

- South Eastern Circuit

## Qualifications

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### 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

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### 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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