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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

Clinical Negligence

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Daniel is ranked as a Leading Junior for clinical negligence work (Legal 500 2024). He is instructed by both claimants and defendants in a range of clinical negligence claims including both medical and dental negligence. He is regularly instructed by NHS Resolution, private insurance companies and medical defence organisations, as well as by claimants.

Daniel is familiar advising on cases involving detailed liability evidence and causation points arising out of a range of factual scenarios. His areas of specialism include:

- Consent claims
- Delayed or incorrect diagnosis
- Dental treatment
- Fatal accidents
- General practitioner claims
- Obstetrics cases
- Plastic surgery
- Unnecessary or prolonged treatment

Daniel's clinical negligence practice is complemented by his inquests experience. He has represented interested persons in inquests and subsequent civil litigation in a healthcare context. He is able to provide early strategic advice in such cases.

Daniel is happy to turn around urgent paperwork and frequently drafts particulars of claim, schedules/counter-schedules of loss, advice on liability and quantum and agendas for expert discussions. He regularly appears in court in clinical negligence matters and is happy to consider conditional fee agreement (CFA) instructions in appropriate cases.

Cases of note:

Recent instructions include:

- Class action against a government department in relation to prescription of medication
- A secondary victim claim arising out of treatment in hospital
- Failure to diagnose a spinal abscess
- Claim arising out of a full-term miscarriage
- Delayed diagnosis of cancer
- Delayed referral by GP to specialist services

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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