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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

-- Health and Safety

Daniel is instructed to defend organisations and individuals in health and safety cases arising out of Health and Safety Executive (HSE) and local authority prosecutions (as well as other regulators) in both the Crown and Magistrates' Courts. He has a particular interest in sentencing practice in health and safety cases. His experience extends to workplace accidents in factories and on construction sites, care/clinical settings and accidents involving members of the public.

Daniel is comfortable representing parties before the criminal courts in such cases, and is also able to advise at an early stage, such as when an investigation has been or is likely to commence. He has provided advice in relation to enforcement notices and their challenge before the Employment Tribunal.

Due to his health and safety experience, Daniel is well placed to advise on occupiers' and employers' liability in civil cases, as well as the overlap between related criminal and civil proceedings. This is complemented by his expertise in inquests and Fatal Accident Act claims. Due to these areas of specialism, Daniel is familiar with providing strategic advice and representation in related sets of proceedings arising out of the same incident.

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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