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King's Bench Walk

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AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Personal Injury, Public Authority Liability, Property, Property Damage

Dan specialises in high value, complex personal injury, motor claims, property damage and general insurance work.

He has been listed as a Leading Junior in Personal Injury since 2010. He is listed as band 1 in The Legal 500 and band 3 in Chambers and Partners.

In Chambers and Partners 2025, it is said “Daniel is brilliant – a very pragmatic and sensible advocate” and Legal 500, 2025 describes him as “Tenacious. Good on paper and his feet.”

Other directory’ feedback includes: “really straight-talking and [with] a great command of the courtroom” (C&P 2023), “an outstanding advocate who presents cases in a straightforward and eloquent manner. (Legal 500, 2021), “a strong negotiator who presses the right buttons to obtain maximum results” (Legal 500, 2019), and “very client-focused, extremely personable and a skilled negotiator” (Legal 500, 2017)”.

Dan deals with liability and quantum disputes in all forms of RTA, EL and PL claims. He is equally at home in all aspects of modern personal injury practice, whether it be settling detailed Schedules and Counter Schedules of Loss, preparing for and attending JSMs or cross-examining experts at trial. He is often instructed in cases where there are elements of fraud, malingering and/or exaggeration.

He has extensive experience of amputation and prosthetics, catastrophic brain injury, spinal injuries, chronic pain and somatoform conditions.

He often appears on his own against Leading Counsel.

Recent Defendant cases include:

- a claim against a former employee of a large statutory undertaker who was alleging that CRPS had caused a lifelong loss of earnings, where surveillance evidence utilised at trial established malingering;
- a claim arising from the allegedly negligent installation of a domestic hot water system which caused severe burns leading to amputation;
- proceedings brought by a former Team GB martial artist who claimed seven-figure damages for, *inter alia*, being deprived of the opportunity to compete at the Tokyo Olympics;

- a claim arising from the life-altering injuries caused when the claimant was deliberately run down and left for dead by an ex-boyfriend;
- a double fatality caused on the M42 motorway, caused by flooding which was said to have been caused by negligently installed telecommunications apparatus;
- representing a local authority in proceedings brought on behalf of a child who was blinded by the allegedly negligent use of a lawnmower.

In terms of his Claimant work, Dan has been described as *"the go-to man for highways claims" (*Chambers & Partners, 2018). He is proud of the fact that "*he has an excellent knowledge of the Highways Act and a feel for injured cyclists".* (Legal 500, 2018) but remains *"a very approachable and down-to-earth barrister".* (Chambers & Partners, 2018).

Recent successfully concluded Claimant cases include:

- representing the Estate of a triathlete killed as a result of a hitting a pothole in the highway whilst training for Ironman Wales;
- acting for a cyclist who suffered C3/C4 spinal cord injury as a result of an accident on the highway;
- representing a dental surgeon who suffered extensive maxillo-facial and dental injuries in a cycling accident;
- acting for a claimant who suffered a significant spinal injury whilst riding a quadbike on the public highway;
- a claim on behalf of an elderly resident in a care home who fell down an open lift shaft;
- acting for a pedestrian who suffered a very significant ankle fracture when tripping on a tree pit located on London Southbank;
- a claim for a cyclist who was deliberately run over by a motorist.

Dan has also, for several years, acted for a number of large institutional defendants in claims arising from the allegedly defective installation of cavity wall systems, being work which in more recent times turns on fairly technical insurance indemnity issues arising from the significant number of CWI claims pursued under the Third Parties (Rights Against Insurers) Act 2010.

He has two daughters and lives in London. Outside of work he rides his bike (a lot), enjoys reading, eating out and the cinema. He is a qualified skydiver, has a black belt in Korean kickboxing and still harbours the (albeit ever-diminishing) ambition of completing an Ironman triathlon.

Personal Injury

Daniel is regularly instructed to defend occupiers, public and employer's liability claims for public authorities and private clients. He frequently deals with claims involving allegations of fraud.

Public Authority Liability

Daniel is highly experienced in dealing with most aspects of public authority litigation, particularly those concerning accidents on the highway.

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Qualifications

LL.B (Hons), London School of Economics.

Bar Vocational Course (Very Competent) (Inns of Court School of Law)

Memberships

PIBA

Publications

Contributing Editor, *Personal Injury Pleadings*, (5th Edition), Sweet & Maxwell, 2014.

Cases

Bali v. 1-2 Couriers & Walsingham Motor Insurance [2025] EWCA Civ 1413

Berresford v Shah [2024] EWHC 3500 (KB)

Nash v. HCC [2020] EWHC 3247 (QB)

Curtis v. Hertfordshire County Council [2014] EWHC 1672 (QB)

Hashtroodi v. Hancock [2004] EWCA Civ 652

Cooper v. Floor Cleaning Machines Ltd [2003] EWCA Civ 1649

Galloway v. London Borough of Richmond (2003) QBD, 18/2/03

Felix v. DSS [2002] PIQR P1

Directories

Daniel is fantastic with clients and cuts straight to the issues. He is very responsive. – Chambers & Partners, 2026

He is a very user-friendly barrister and a tenacious advocate. – Chambers & Partners, 2026

He has been excellent. – Chambers & Partners, 2026

He has a brilliant handle on client care and clients instantly warm to him. – Legal 500, 2026

Daniel is brilliant – a very pragmatic and sensible advocate. – Chambers & Partners, 2025

Tenacious. Good on paper and on his feet. – Legal 500, 2025

Daniel is an excellent barrister with a great strategic mind and commercial outlook. – Chambers & Partners, 2024

Daniel is a force to be reckoned with on his feet, rapier-sharp and cuts to the main issues. – Legal 500, 2024

Daniel is a very user-friendly barrister who puts clients and witnesses immediately at their ease. – Legal 500, 2023

He is really straight-talking and has a great command of the courtroom. – Chambers & Partners, 2022

Daniel is very good at taking a step back and and applying his expertise to the broad facts in working out how to make a claim successful. – Legal 500, 2022

He has extensive knowledge of highways claims, is a great lateral thinker and is excellent on his feet. Clients cannot help but warm to him. – Chambers and Partners, 2021

He is bright, good in court and has a nice manner with clients. – Chambers and Partners, 2021

An outstanding advocate who presents cases in a straightforward and eloquent manner. – Legal 500, 2021

He's an excellent barrister and has a very good manner with clients. – Chambers and Partners, 2020

Strong negotiator who presses the right buttons to obtain maximum results. – Legal 500, 2019

He is a very capable barrister. – Chambers & Partners, 2019

He has an excellent knowledge of the Highways Act and a feel for injured cyclists. – Legal 500, 2018

A very approachable and down-to-earth barrister. – Chambers & Partners, 2018

The go-to man for highways claims. Chambers & Partners, 2018

His depth of knowledge is phenomenal. – Chambers & Partners, 2018

Very client-focused, extremely personable and a skilled negotiator. – Legal 500, 2017

An excellent advocate, who is highly efficient. – Legal 500, 2016

He identifies and focuses on the issues central to the matter in hand. – Legal 500, 2014