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Qualifications and Appointments

- MA in History, Jesus College, Cambridge (Starred Double First, placed top of year)
- MPhil in Political Thought and Intellectual History, Jesus College, Cambridge
- GDL, City, University of London (Distinction)
- BPTC LLM in Legal Practice, City, University of London (Commendation)
- Awarded numerous college and university prizes
- Lord Bowen and Lord Denning Scholar of Lincoln's Inn

Memberships

- Property Bar Association
- Chancery Bar Association
- COMBAR
- Commercial Fraud Lawyers Association

Practice Overview

Daniel is developing a diverse commercial chancery practice spanning all of Chambers' core practice areas. He frequently appears as sole counsel in both the High Court and the County Court, as well as retaining a focus on drafting and advisory work. Many of his cases have an international dimension, and he has experience of ADR procedures including arbitration. Equally comfortable acting alone or as part of a larger team, notable recent experience includes:

- Acting (led by [Joanne Wicks QC](#) and Adam Rosenthal QC) in a long-running multi-staged rent review arbitration in relation to an £8 billion property portfolio, culminating in a thirteen-day hearing in July 2020 involving extensive cross-examination of expert witnesses. Daniel's ongoing role involves a particular focus on questions of public law.
- A contested security for costs application in a £1.3 billion fraud claim arising from the insolvency of a Russian bank and subsequent investigation by the Russian DIA (*Vneshprombank LLC v Bedzhamov* [2019] EWHC 3616 (Ch)). (Led by [Andrew Mold QC](#)).
- Defending a complex claim for termination payments under an asset management agreement relating to a £270m property portfolio (led by [Joanne Wicks QC](#) and [Jonathan Chew](#)).
- Seeking (as sole counsel) urgent injunctive relief in relation to a claim for relief from forfeiture of mixed-use premises.
- An appeal to the High Court concerning the refusal of an application to adjourn a trial based on medical evidence (*Morgan v Egan* [2020] EWHC 1025 (QB)). (Led by [Gilead Cooper QC](#)).
- Successfully acting in a High Court trial arising from the dismissal of the founding member of a technology company (*Glass v Previs Ltd* (2018)) (led by [James Bailey QC](#)).
- Defending a claim for fraudulent misrepresentation in relation to a Share Purchase Agreement for the shares in a Luxembourg financial services company (ongoing).
- Bringing a claim to enforce payment of a debt secured on commercial premises in Newcastle (led by [Jonathan Seidler QC](#)) (ongoing).

Before studying law, Daniel read History at Jesus College, Cambridge and graduated with a starred double first, coming top of his year. He was awarded numerous college and university prizes during his degree. He stayed on at Cambridge to complete an MPhil in Political Thought and Intellectual History as a Goh-Coupe postgraduate scholar at Jesus College, also representing his college on University Challenge that year.



Practice Overview continued

Daniel obtained a distinction in the GDL at City, University of London, and a commendation in the BPTC LLM in Legal Practice, also at City. While completing his legal studies, Daniel volunteered for the School Exclusion Project, representing the parents of children excluded from school at hearings before boards of governors and local authorities, and the Company Insolvency Pro Bono Scheme which provides representation for litigants in person appearing in the Companies Court Winding Up List.

Daniel is also a Lord Bowen and Lord Denning scholar of Lincoln's Inn, and a recipient of the Hardwicke Entrance Award.

Daniel joined Chambers in September 2019 on successful completion of his pupillage. His supervisors were [Zoë Barton QC](#), [Jonathan Hilliard QC](#), [James Bailey QC](#), [Fenner Moeran QC](#), [Benjamin Faulkner](#) and [Jonathan Chew](#).

Commercial

Daniel undertakes a wide variety of commercial work, acting both alone and as part of a larger team. He has a particular interest in cases involving allegations of fraud or dishonesty.

Recent examples of relevant experience include:

- Defending a claim for fraudulent misrepresentation in relation to a Share Purchase Agreement for the shares in a Luxembourg financial services company.
- A contested security for costs application in a £1.3billion fraud claim arising from the insolvency of a Russian bank and subsequent investigation by the Russian DIA (*Vneshprombank LLC v Bedzhamou* [2019] EWHC 3616 (Ch)). (Led by [Andrew Mold QC](#)).
- A High Court trial arising from the dismissal of the founding member of a technology company (*Glass v Previs Ltd* (2018)) (led by [James Bailey QC](#)). Daniel and James acted successfully for the Part 8 Claimant in obtaining a declaration as to the true construction of the defendant company's articles of association.
- Advising on the existence of a contract between a vendor and a party not named on the face of the contractual documents, and related issues in the law of agency.
- Acting in the County Court for a major home improvements retailer in relation to an ongoing contractual dispute.
- Advising on and undertaking drafting in relation to a claim for termination payments under a series of contracts for the provision of goods and services.
- (As a pupil) assisting in a three-day hearing in the High Court concerning the continuation of a worldwide freezing injunction and the grant of supporting Norwich Pharmacal and Anton Piller orders (*Arcelormittal USA LLC v Essar Steel Ltd* [2019] EWHC 724 (Comm)).
- (As a pupil) assisting in successfully resisting an application for pre-action disclosure in a putative claim for breach of a joint venture agreement.
- (As a pupil) assisting in advising on the construction of back-to-back indemnities for damages awarded in claims for breach of fiduciary duty and unlawful means conspiracy.

Insolvency

Daniel is often instructed in relation to insolvency and company law matters. He frequently appears in the Company Insolvency List in the High Court, as well as acting in or advising on larger matters both led and unled.

Recent examples of relevant experience include:

- Acting successfully (led by [James Bailey QC](#)) in High Court trial concerning the true construction of the defendant company's articles of association following the dismissal of the company's founder (*Glass v Previs Ltd* (2018)).



Insolvency continued

- Defending a fraudulent misrepresentation claim arising from the sale of the shares in a financial services company based in Luxembourg.
- Drafting proceedings under ss.238 and 423 of the Insolvency Act 1986.
- Advising on points of company law in relation to the corporate governance of the freehold management company of a block of luxury flats in Central London.
- Successfully applying to extend an administration for a third time.
- Advising on questions of corporate personality in relation to the test for intention under grounds (f) and (g) of the Landlord and Tenant Act 1954.

Pensions

Daniel enjoys the intricacies of pensions law and is developing a broad practice in this area.

Relevant experience includes:

- (As a pupil) assisting on application for Beddoe relief by the trustees of the (old) British Airways pension scheme to pursue an appeal to the Supreme Court (*Airways Pension Scheme Trustee Ltd v (1) Fielder & (2) British Airways Plc* [2019] EWHC 29 (Ch)).
- (As a pupil) assisting in advising on numerous aspects of pensions law, including challenges to trustees' exercise of powers, equalisation of benefits, the use of reservoir trusts, and amendments to scheme rules.
- (As a pupil) assisting with a number of professional negligence claims against pensions trustees or their advisors.

Daniel is also, along with [Michael Tennet QC](#) and [Jonathan Hilliard QC](#), an editor of the chapter on actuaries in *Simpson's Professional Negligence and Liability Looseleaf*.

Professional Liability

Daniel accepts instructions in professional negligence claims relating to all of the areas in which he practices.

Daniel is also, along with [Michael Tennet QC](#) and [Jonathan Hilliard QC](#), an editor of the chapter on actuaries in *Simpson's Professional Negligence and Liability Looseleaf*.

Recent experience includes:

- A claim for professional negligence arising from a failure to advise on the planning implications of proposed building works on high-street retail premises (led by [Andrew Mold QC](#)).
- (As a pupil) assisting in defending a multi-million pound professional negligence claim relating to an alleged failure to advise on rights of light impeding the development of a neighbouring plot of land.
- (As a pupil) assisting with a number of professional negligence claims against pensions trustees or their advisors.

Property

Daniel has a busy property practice encompassing all aspects of contentious and non-contentious real property and landlord and tenant work.

Daniel also completed a secondment with Gowling WLG's Real Estate Litigation team in early 2020.

Examples of recent work as part of a larger team include:

- Acting in a long-running multi-staged rent review arbitration in relation to an £8 billion property portfolio. Most recently, this involved a 13-day (remote) hearing in July 2020 involving extensive cross-examination of expert witnesses on questions of valuation, financial modelling and public policy.



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- Defending a complex claim for termination payments under an asset management agreement relating to a £270m property portfolio (led by [Joanne Wicks QC](#) and [Jonathan Chew](#)).
 - A claim to enforce payment of a debt secured on a commercial premise in Newcastle (led by [Jonathan Seitler QC](#)).
 - A claim for professional negligence arising from a failure to advise on the planning implications of proposed building works on high-street retail premises (led by [Andrew Mold QC](#)).
 - (As a pupil) assisting with a defending a multi-million pound professional negligence claim relating to the failure to advise on rights of light inhibiting the development of land.

Examples of recent work as sole counsel include:

- Seeking urgent injunctive relief in relation to a claim for relief from forfeiture of mixed-use premises.
- Advising on the construction and enforceability of restrictive covenants.
- Advising on various issues arising from a neighbour dispute, including the availability of injunctive relief in relation to an alleged nuisance, the existence of a piping easement by way of prescription, and an alleged conflict of interest on the board of the freehold management company.
- Successfully obtaining possession orders in the County Court.
- Obtaining a final charging order over development land in Essex.
- Resisting summary judgment on an opposed lease renewal under grounds (f) and (g) of the 1954 Act.
- Successfully obtaining damages for use and occupation of lands belonging to a golf club in Hampshire.

Trusts, Tax, Probate and Estates

Daniel is developing a broad private client practice spanning both contentious and non-contentious matters. He also retains an interest in the intersection between the law of trusts and other areas of law.

Examples of relevant experience include:

- Advising in relation to a claim for breach of trust against trustees based in the Isle of Man.
- Advising on the payability of SDLT by public bodies entering into leases for specific purposes.
- (As a pupil) assisting on a number of cases involving complex questions of international succession law, including cases concerning the existence of a constructive trust over Liberian bearer shares in a Greek company, and conflicting wills in four jurisdictions including Hong Kong and Malaysia.
- (As a pupil) assisting on the first case in which trustees were granted Beddoe relief to pursue an appeal to the Supreme Court (*Airways Pension Scheme Trustee Ltd v (1) Fielder & (2) British Airways Plc* [2019] EWHC 29 (Ch)).
- (As a pupil) assisting with both bringing and defending claims under the Inheritance (Family and Dependents) Act 1975.
- (As a pupil) assisting in advising on the construction of a trust provision dealing with the distribution of assets following the death of a beneficiary.