

Daniel Paul

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Education

Royal Academy of Music, London
Open University
Manchester Metropolitan University
Inns of Court School of Law, London

Professional Associations

Personal Injuries Bar Association

Areas of Specialism

Personal injuries

Clinical negligence

Inquests

Daniel is regularly instructed on cases involving serious and catastrophic injuries, injuries leading to death and cases involving complex medical and other expert evidence.

Examples of Daniel's recent clinical negligence work include:

Alleged negligent post-operative care following neuro-endoscopic fenestration of a suprasellar arachnoid cyst leading to a young child suffering a stroke with permanent brain damage.

Failure of A&E doctors to identify cauda equina syndrome leading to delay in referral and treatment giving rise to permanent symptoms and loss of function.

Failure to identify the risk of DVT in outpatient care, leading to delay in treatment and lower limb amputation.

Failure of consultant radiologist to identify abnormalities on a scan leading to delay in treatment for oropharyngeal carcinoma leading to death.

Failure to give appropriate advice on alternative available treatments and obtain informed consent before undertaking surgery for varicose veins. The patient went on to develop lifelong significant lymphoedema.

Failure to properly categorise a peroneal tear following childbirth, leading to delay in repair of a ruptured anal sphincter muscle, infection, bowel incontinence, further surgeries, the need for a colostomy and permanent symptoms of incontinence.

Failure of optometrist to identify retinal detachment/tear leading to permanent reduction in vision.

Extravasation injury caused when inserting cannula leading to significant soft tissue injuries to hand and forearm with permanent loss of function, cosmetic deficit and psychological injury.

Negligent nursing care leading to avoidable pressure sores.

Delay in diagnosis of concealed pregnancy leading to injuries at birth.

Negligent foetal monitoring leading to injuries at birth.

Examples of Daniel's recent personal injury work include:

Employer's liability claim. Claimant employee exposed to pathogens when working in the vicinity of sewage and rat faeces. He contracted seronegative hepatitis and required a liver transplant.

Employers liability claim. Claimant employee fell from a fork lift truck and suffered multiple injuries including fractures, degloving of the sigmoid colon and bladder injury. He required extensive and prolonged treatment and is left with debilitating permanent symptoms.

Road traffic accident. Claimant pedestrian hit by car and suffered multiple orthopaedic injuries and required through knee amputation of her left lower limb.

Road traffic accident. Pedestrian hit by vehicle suffered severe traumatic brain injury giving rise to permanent and significant symptoms.

Road traffic accident. Psychiatric injury suffered by secondary victim who witnessed aftermath of accident.

Product liability. Defective front mudguard on bicycle causing the claimant to fall and suffer significant traumatic brain injury.

Examples of Daniel's recent fatal accident cases include:

Deceased mother with two adult disabled children. Complex issues involving the calculation of the dependency and setting up of Disabled Persons Trust.

Deceased husband with surviving spouse. Complicated financial dependency claim arising from calculation of profits from farm.

Examples of recent inquest work include:

Deaths involving acts and omissions of medical practitioners in outpatient and in hospital setting.

Deaths involving acts and omissions of care workers in residential homes.

Suicides of psychiatric patients (Article 2).

Self-neglect cases (Article 2).

Accidents at work.

Road traffic accidents.

Daniel accepts cases on a CFA. He is prepared to take on challenging cases. He has particular experience in working with vulnerable clients.

Daniel is a pro-bono reviewer for Advocate.

Notable Cases

DLS v LTL (2024)

Practice Area:

Represented Claimant in a personal injury action arising from exposure to pathogens whilst at work giving rise to hepatitis and the need for urgent liver transplant. Breach of duty, causation and quantum were disputed. Causation issues were complicated by the fact that the hepatitis was categorised as seronegative hepatitis and it was not possible to identify precisely what pathogen had caused the condition. Expert evidence on causation was central to the case. Following joint statements the case settled at JSM.

SB v SC (2024)

Practice Area:

Represented Defendant in a personal action arising from a road traffic accident. The Claimant suffered traumatic brain injury, spinal injury and orthopaedic injuries. Issues in the case included contributory negligence, the severity and extent of the TIB and the likely effect on future employment, having regard to previous education and work history. The case settled at JSM.

PW v RA (2023)

Practice Area:

Represented Defendant in a personal injury action arising from a road traffic accident. The Claimant suffered significant orthopaedic injuries to his upper and lower limbs as well as psychological injury. Liability admitted. The issue in the case turned on the extent of any traumatic brain injury, the functional restrictions caused by the orthopaedic injuries and the impact of significant co-morbidities. The case settled at JSM.

DH v SMSK (2023)

Practice Area:

Represented Claimant in product liability personal injury action arising from an accident caused by a defective bicycle. The Claimant suffered a significant traumatic brain injury. One of the main issues in the case was the extent of future loss of income/profit.

SK v MSA 2021

Practice Area:

Represented claimant who required below knee amputation following injuries sustained in a road traffic accident. The case settled at joint settlement meeting for £3,000,000.

MJD v CD 2021

Practice Area:

Represented defendant in a case where the claimant suffered traumatic brain injury. The case settled at a joint settlement meeting for £1,000,000.

DAB v CAC 2021

Practice Area:

Represented claimant at trial where the main issues in dispute were whether the claimant's upper limb injury caused a disability within the Ogden 8 definition and whether a multiplier/multiplicand approach to future loss of earning capacity was appropriate.

Inquest Touching Upon the Death of SM 2021

Practice Area:

Represented a local authority at an Article 2 inquest involving the death of young woman following discharge from psychiatric hospital and multiple attendances at A&E.

What the Directories say

"Daniel is knowledgeable, fair and proper, good in court as well as generous and helpful."

Chambers and Partners 2025

"I cannot give higher praise."

Chambers and Partners 2025

'Daniel is an excellent barrister. He is thorough, calm, and is very precise in his analysis of evidence, he is a skilled advocate, and he is professional, approachable, and good with experts and clients.

Legal 500 2025

"He's very direct with clients and Daniel is always happy to assist on more challenging points. He is also good at digging down the root of the issue."

Chambers & Partners, 2024

"Daniel provides very good advice, is pragmatic and sees the real issues."

Chambers & Partners, 2024

Daniel is thorough in his approach and is always well prepared. He explains complicated issues to clients in an easy to understand manner and confronts difficult issues directly.

Legal 500, 2024

Daniel has a pragmatic approach to matters.

Chambers & Partners, 2023

Daniel Paul is clear and concise in conferences with clients. He explains complex issues in simple terms.

Chambers & Partners, 2023

He is accessible and swift to respond with queries.

Chambers & Partners, 2023

Daniel's advice is very thorough and often goes beyond issues identified in his instructions. He identifies the key aspects of the case and its strengths and weaknesses very quickly and is brave enough to take on difficult cases. He is very astute and extremely empathetic, compassionate and tactful with clients. It is always a pleasure to work with someone so professional and approachable.

Legal 500, 2023

He is great with clients, very empathetic and sensitive to their circumstances. He is clear in his advice and very calm, which gives clients confidence.

An extremely effective advocate - he is very articulate and clear in his arguments.

Chambers & Partners, 2022

He is excellent technically and provides very detailed, reasoned and sensible advice. He is good both in conference and on paper. He is meticulous in his planning and very approachable.

Chambers & Partners, 2021

Very approachable and excellent with clients. Always available to discuss issues and tactics. Always provides very sensible, reasoned and well considered advice and whose opinion on matters I trust which is invaluable. Gets great results and will always fight our corner.

Legal 500, 2021

Junior who is well regarded for his work in catastrophic injury cases, including fatal accident claims. He has extensive expertise in matters pertaining to employers', occupiers' and public liability, as well as RTAs. He receives instructions from both claimants and defendants. He is experienced appearing at inquests.

He is excellent and really empathises with clients, making them feel reassured. He is also tenacious and meticulous.

He has great technical ability, is very approachable and is a good negotiator and advocate.

Chambers and Partners

Junior who is well regarded for his work in catastrophic injury cases, including fatal accident claims. He has extensive expertise in matters pertaining to employers', occupiers' and public liability, as well as RTAs.

He is an incredibly able advocate, who is well prepared but who also doesn't seem to feel stress in the court room, he's always very quick to deal with anything thrown at him.

Extremely approachable, engaging and prepared to work very flexibly to meet his instructing solicitors and clients' needs.

Chambers UK

Acts for defendants and claimants on a range of personal injury matters, including those concerning road traffic accidents, fatal accidents and employers' liability.

He is an incredibly effective advocate but very measured in his approach.

He is always available for advice, and goes the extra mile.

Chambers UK

Junior who is well regarded for his work in catastrophic injury cases, including fatal accident claims. He has extensive expertise in matters pertaining to employers', occupiers' and public liability, as well as RTAs. He receives instructions from both claimants and defendants. He has a calm, kind approach but is there to fight hard and get the best settlement for a client. He is very approachable and very well liked by clients.

His technical ability and in-depth knowledge of the required areas, together with his empathetic approach, make him an asset to chambers.

Chambers and Partners

He has a solid understanding of the pressures that local authorities face'. (Personal injury and clinical negligence)

Legal 500

Very experienced and good on his feet.' (Personal injury and clinical negligence)

Legal 500

Recommended

Legal 500

He's accessible, approachable and very easy to work with.
Daniel is very charming, does an excellent job and is a pleasure to work with.

Chambers and Partners

Well known for his great ability to empathise with clients.

Legal 500

Excellent at empathising with lay clients.

Legal 500

A clear and pragmatic communicator.

Legal 500

He is admired by commentators for his technical knowledge and steadfast approach.
Strengths: "He is extremely approachable, engaging and prepared to work very flexibly to meet his instructing solicitors' and clients' needs."

Chambers UK

He's very strategic in his approach and very empathetic with clients.

Chambers UK

Naturally unassuming and modest character in private, but a sharp and persuasive intellect in his professional role.

Legal 500