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Daniel's practice spans Chambers' core areas of work, with a particular focus on commercial, civil fraud, employment, business protection, data protection and public law matters.

He is ranked in the Legal 500 for employment law, and in Chambers and Partners in administrative and public and data protection law. Daniel has also been appointed to the Equality and Human Rights Commission's B Panel of Counsel.

Daniel was previously the Judicial Assistant to Lord Sumption and Lord Carnwath at the Supreme Court, assisting the Justices on a number of the leading and high-profile cases across Chambers' areas of practice. Before coming to the Bar he was a fast-streamer at the Ministry of Defence.



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great with clients and
responsive.***

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Expertise

Public International

Daniel is experienced in a wide range of complex issues of public international law, with a particular expertise and interest in questions of immunities and privileges (especially under the VCDR). He is regularly instructed as sole counsel on behalf of foreign states in relation to issues of state immunity.

He has been involved in a number of the leading recent cases on questions of immunity, including:

Daniel has worked on further PIL matters, including ***Al-Waheed v Ministry of Defence*** [2017] UKSC 2 on the power under international law to detain in a non-international armed conflict (as a judicial assistant); as well as during his time as a 'Foreign Law Clerk' at the Supreme Court of Israel.

He has also been instructed in proceedings before the Supreme Court of the British Indian Ocean Territory (Diego Garcia).

Reyes v Al-Malki

[2017] UKSC 61

concerning the application of the 'commercial activity' exception under Article 31(1)(c) of the VCDR to allegations of trafficking (as a judicial assistant).

R (Bancoult No. 3) v Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs

[2018] UKSC 3

about the admissibility of a 'Wikileaks' cable under the VCDR (as a judicial assistant)

Benkharbouche v Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs

[2017] UKSC 62

regarding the compatibility of provisions of the State Immunity Act 1978 with the ECHR and EU Charter, and their basis in customary international law (as a judicial assistant).

Achievements

Education

BA History, University of Cambridge, Pembroke College – *Double First Class*

Graduate Diploma in Law (GDL), City University, London – *Distinction (top of year)*

Bar Professional Training Course (BPTC), City University, London – *Outstanding*

LL.M., Harvard Law School (Frank Knox Memorial Fellow)

Awards

Scholarships and fellowships:

- Phoenicia Scholarship (*Bar European Group*), 2016
- Wyndham Deedes Memorial Scholarship for Clerkship at the Supreme Court of Israel, 2015
- Student Fellowship at the Project on the Foundations of Private Law (*Harvard Law School*), 2014-15
- Frank Knox Memorial Fellowship (*Harvard University*), 2014-15
- Conference Scholarship (*ALBA*), 2013
- Excellence Award Scholarship for BPTC (*City University, London*), 2013
- Queen Mother's Scholarships for GDL and BPTC (*Middle Temple*), 2012, 2013
- Foundation Scholarship (*Pembroke College, Cambridge*), 2009, 2010

Other awards and prizes:

- Certificate of Honour for BPTC results (*Middle Temple*), 2014
- HRLA Judicial Review Competition – 2nd Place, 2014
- 3 Verulam Buildings Prize for Best GDL Performance (*City University, London*), 2013
- Excellence Prize for Highest Mark for an Intending Barrister (*City University, London*), 2013
- City GDL Mooting Competition – Winner, 2013
- UK Supreme Court Blog Essay Competition – Winner, 2013
- Certificate in Intelligence Studies (*King's College, London*), 2012
- Brian Riley Declamation Prize (*Pembroke College, Cambridge*), 2009
- Various College Prizes (*Pembroke College, Cambridge*), 2008-10

Other

Prior to becoming a barrister Daniel spent two years as a desk officer in the fast-stream at the Ministry of Defence. He worked on various national and international security matters, including the defence effort for the London 2012 Olympics.

Daniel has also previously spent time as a 'Foreign Law Clerk' to Justice Hanan Melcer at the Supreme Court of Israel; volunteered as a student attorney at the Harvard Prison Legal Assistance Project; and regularly contributed to the UK Human Rights Blog.

Daniel is currently enjoying the unexpected meteoric rise of Nottingham Forest.

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He has very, very good drafting skills.

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He is an excellent advocate who is robust and commercial.

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He has a good command of case law and he is not afraid to push the boundaries in developing fresh legal arguments that have not been run before.

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Daniel has a superb intellect. He is good at analysing the legal issues in a case, and writes extremely well.

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Daniel to be wise, practical and incredibly adaptable and responsive. A great team player who was good at building a rapport with the client and offering solutions to knotty problems in a fast-paced matter.

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