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Daniel has built a broad practice encompassing crime, road traffic and regulatory work. He appears in a range of courts and tribunals both alone and led, but is predominantly based in the Crown Courts, where he both prosecutes and defends. He has successfully appeared in the Court of Appeal.

Before coming to the Bar, Daniel worked for NGOs in the UK, Rwanda and Jamaica. His work encompassed genocide and war crimes, crimes against humanity and human rights in which he retains a strong interest. Daniel spent seven months working for the Council for Human Rights based in Kingston, Jamaica, and has advised defendants on Death Row as to their prospects of appeal to the Privy Council.

Daniel is experienced in representing defendants with mental health issues, addiction problems and vulnerabilities.

Crime

Daniel's range of work includes prosecuting and defending homicide, fraud, dishonesty, violence, public disorder, weapons, drugs and sex.

He has a wealth of experience relating to financial crime and regulation, working on cases for the FCA, HMRC and the SFO. Daniel was seconded to the City of London Police, focusing on intellectual property, confiscation and asset recovery.

Daniel regularly prosecutes on behalf of the CPS and the National Probation Trust. He has experience of prosecutions involving sensitive PII material and Preston material.

Proceeds of Crime (POCA)

- **R v B & Others (2016)** Prosecuted confiscation proceedings post-conviction in multi-million, multi-handed fraud. (Led Jnr)
- **City of London Police (2015)** 3 months with the City of London Police Asset Recovery and Confiscation teams, focusing on enforcement and proceeds recovery. Advised on internal procedures, legality of investigations and court applications.

- **R v R & Others (2014)** Defended confiscation proceedings following life sentences for aggravated burglary, with legal argument focusing on hidden assets. (Jnr alone)

Sexual Offences

- **R v B (2016)** Defended multiple counts of sexual assault by an EU national who pleaded guilty to one count but denied the remainder. He was convicted in the face of clear CCTV and oral evidence, sentenced to time served but avoided deportation. (Jnr alone)
- **R v T (2016)** Defended guilty plea to Possession of thousands of indecent images of children. (Jnr alone)

Homicide

- **R v B & Others (2016)** Defended the second of 5 defendants in conspiracy to murder by contract killing, involving copious phone and cell site evidence and cut-throat defences. (Led jnr)
- **R v F & Others (2013)** Defended an alleged hitman in a 5 handed conspiracy to murder in a feud between drugs gangs: extensive cell site material and expert evidence: acquitted. (Led jnr)
- **R v A (2013)** Represented 18 year old defendant charged with causing death by careless driving of his best friend who was a passenger in his new car which spun out of control. Plea of guilty and admission that he had broken the speed limit: suspended sentence.

Violent Crime

- **R v B (2016)** Defended retrial of a possession of a firearm count, after acquittal of attempted murder and conspiracy to rob. Successfully resisted the Crown's application to cross-examine the defendant on inconsistencies with his previous trial evidence. The jury again failed to agree and the Crown offered no evidence. (Jnr alone)
- **R v S (2015)** Defended multiple charges of causing grievous bodily harm with intent (attacking two men in a potentially gang related fracas). Convicted of a lesser s20 offence: also instructed in the Court of Appeal, where the sentence was reduced.
- **R v L (2015)** Defended first of two defendants (aged 19 and 17) accused of robbery by allegedly inveigling themselves into the victim's home with promises of sexual intercourse, and then attacking him and breaking his leg. The defendants asserted self-defence: acquitted.
- **R v D (2015)** Defended first of two defendants accused of robbery at the home of a man with whom he suspected his partner had an affair, assaulting him with a baseball bat and stealing valuable items: acquitted.

Military Law

- **R v A (2014)** Defence of the first of 3 serving army medics who had become involved in a fight with local civilians at a nearby bar in Sennelager, Germany, and charged with multiple counts of

grievous bodily harm.

Road Traffic

Daniel is regularly instructed to defend in road traffic matters and is well placed to offer advice from the initial first appearance to the trial stage. He has been instructed for the defence in trials and in special reasons hearings and has advised and made legal arguments on technical challenges to the admissibility of evidence.

- **R v B (2016)** Defence of a self-employed company director who was due to fall foul of the “totting” provisions if further points were added to his existing points gained for speeding offences. A short disqualification was imposed which avoided triggering the totting provisions.
- **R v A (2015)** Defence of a company director who fell foul of the “totting” provisions with 14 penalty points. The defendant kept his licence on the basis of exceptional hardship.
- **R v C (2015)** Defence of a driver who attempted to drive his articulated lorry at speed through a railway crossing as the lights changed and hit the barriers causing thousands of pounds worth of damage. The defendant kept his licence on the basis of exceptional hardship.

Drugs

- **R v M (2016)** Defended possession of a kilogram of almost pure heroin. The charge was withdrawn after the defence asserted that the police had confused lab results from a separate case.
- **R v A (2015)** Represented third of 4 defendants on multiple counts of possession with intent to supply and possession of a firearm. Following negotiation, no evidence was offered against the defendant on the drugs charges.
- **R v C (2015)** Represented first of 2 defendants in guilty plea to possession of a shotgun and possession with intent to supply. After legal argument the Judge ruled a Newton hearing was unnecessary and sentenced in the lowest category of the drugs guidelines.

Fraud and Business Crime

Daniel has been instructed for the prosecution and the defence on a number of high-profile fraud investigations and cases. He is currently instructed for the defence in an SFO bribery and corruption investigation.

- **Operation Dovercourt (2014-2015)** On behalf of FCA, investigated traders alleged to have attempted to manipulate the foreign exchange market and formed part of the negotiating team leading to settlement. Later instructed to assist the SFO investigation into individual traders pending potential criminal charges.
- **R v B & Others (2016)** Prosecution led junior in multi-handed fraud and money laundering, involving multi-million complex ticketing fraud. Certificate for junior counsel was granted late

in a document heavy case.

- **R v A & Others (2016)** Represented second of 2 defendants in sophisticated confidence fraud involving multiple counts of theft of over £100k of jewellery.
- **R v N (2015)** Prosecuted multiple counts of benefit fraud against the local authority and the department of work and pensions: guilty plea on first day of trial.

Professional Disciplinary & Regulatory

Daniel spent 8 months working as a full time legal advisor and caseworker for the General Medical Council, seconded to the Fitness to Practice team dealing with cases requiring consideration of the suspension of the doctor's practising licence. He managed busy caseload, liaised with doctors, advised on evidence and legal matters and gained experience of GMC tribunals.

Publications, Lectures and Training

Contributor to iLawyer International Law

Education

BA (Hons) English Literature, University of Durham.

Graduate Diploma in Law, Nottingham Law School (Distinction)

Bar Vocational Course, BPP (Outstanding)

Memberships

Criminal Bar Association

South Eastern Circuit

Gray's Inn