

Daniel Neill

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Overview

Daniel specialises in personal injury, clinical negligence and professional regulatory work. He has a busy civil practice, acting for both claimants and defendants. Most of his work is on the multi-track. His professional regulatory practice covers healthcare professionals and is predominantly for registrants. He has a loyal following of solicitors and is particularly valued for his dynamic advocacy, robust pleadings and pragmatic advice. Daniel sits as a Recorder on the Western Circuit, dealing with criminal matters.

MEMBERSHIPS:

- Personal Injuries Bar Association
- Professional Negligence Bar Association

EDUCATION:

- BVC at BPP, London: Outstanding
- GDL at BPP, London: Commendation
- PhD in Victorian literature at Emmanuel College, Cambridge
- MA in English literature and Cultural Studies at UCL: Distinction
- BA (Hons) in English literature at Emmanuel College, Cambridge: First

APPOINTMENTS:

- Recorder (Criminal, Western Circuit)

Personal Injury

Daniel acts for claimants and defendants in a broad spectrum of personal injury cases. He has a particular interest in fatal accident claims and recently settled a complex dependency claim for £1million. He is regularly instructed by defendants in cases involving accidents at work and where fundamental dishonesty is alleged. He is co-editor of the APIL Personal Injury Law, Practice and Precedents section on occupiers' liability claims.

Daniel undertakes work in the following areas:

- Road traffic accidents
- Employers' liability
- Highways
- Public liability
- Occupiers' liability
- Animals Act
- Asbestos
- NIHL
- Product liability
- Fatal accidents
- Inquests
- Costs

Clinical Negligence

Daniel's clinical negligence practice ranges from nursing and obstetrics claims to more niche areas such as ophthalmology and dentistry. He has a loyal following of solicitors with whom he works closely from the very outset of cases, providing

Expertise

- Clinical Negligence
- Costs
- Personal Injury
- Professional Regulatory & Discipline

Recommendations

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a strategic overview from pre-action correspondence to settlement or trial.

Daniel undertakes work in the following areas:

- Surgical negligence
- Nursing negligence
- Delay in diagnosis/treatment
- Unnecessary/inappropriate treatment
- Obstetrics and gynaecology
- Oncology
- Ophthalmology
- Dentistry
- Pharmacology
- Cosmetic surgery
- Psychiatry

Professional Regulatory and Discipline

Daniel has considerable experience of acting on both sides of the regulatory fence. He has defended nurses at the Nursing and Midwifery Council and prosecuted dentists at the General Dental Council. His cases have covered a panoply of performance, conduct, competence and health issues (including interim orders), and he has the unusual distinction of never having had a nurse struck off the register.

Notable Cases

Personal Injury

- Fatal accident case. Million-pound claim by several dependants involving capacity issues. Settled at JSM. Claimant instruction.
- Employers' liability case. Claim against the MoD for career-ending injuries leading to chronic pain condition. Substantial loss of earnings and pension claims. Settled at JSM. Claimant instruction.
- Public liability case. Claim following alleged slipping accident; finding of fundamental dishonesty made at trial. Defendant instruction.
- Employers' liability case. Claim for more than £300,000 for permanent back injury, reduced to less than £20,000 at trial on basis of short-term acceleration. Defendant instruction.
- Road traffic accident. Half-a-million-pound claim by young gamekeeper with career-ending injuries. Settled at JSM. Claimant instruction.

Clinical Negligence

- Shoulder surgery case. Claim arising from delayed diagnosis of tumour, leading to complex shoulder surgery and permanent functional limitations. Settled at JSM. Claimant instruction.
- Double-amputation case. Claim arising from negligent nursing care, leading to sepsis and amputation. Ongoing. Claimant instruction.
- Dental case. Claim arising from delayed diagnosis of multiple meningiomas, with complex causation issues. Ongoing. Defendant instruction.
- Obstetrics case. Claim for death of baby following negligent management of childbirth. Settled. Claimant instruction.
- Ophthalmology case. Claim arising from delayed diagnosis of glaucoma leading to deteriorated vision and risk of blindness. Settled. Claimant instruction.

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give constructive advice. He is very approachable and able to resolve things for the benefit of the client.”

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