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Daniel Janner KC

Daniel Janner KC is an experienced criminal silk with a wide-ranging practice and a highly successful track record defending and prosecuting. He is qualified to accept instructions directly from clients under the Bar Council direct access scheme.

"I was fortunate enough to be represented by Daniel Janner in civil and criminal matters for almost 19 years. He was professional and extremely hardworking at all times. He always listened and his advice was invariably spot on. I realised that he was respected by opposition barristers and judges. Mr Janner served me well and is a credit to the profession" – Frank McGrath.

"Daniel is a consummate tactician and persuasive advocate both at first instance and on appeal. He inspires confidence in clients and is totally committed to every case, supremely well prepared and leaves no stone unturned enabling him to achieve the best possible outcomes" – Katherine Sheldrick, Partner, Hempsons solicitors.

"Daniel's written and oral advocacy in the Court of Appeal were incisive and compelling, which showed a true grasp of the human and legal issues in a case that he had not even presented at trial. The President of the Court made special mention that Daniel's skeleton argument was a model." – Rupert Butler, barrister and Head of Leverets Legal Practice.

"I have instructed Daniel Janner QC on many of my most complex and difficult cases, where the stakes for my clients are extremely serious. His intellect, wisdom and formidable advocacy skills are matched by his high standard of client care and his commitment to achieving the best possible outcomes." – Daniel Berke, solicitor 3d Regulatory Law.

"Daniel provides excellent first instance and appellate advocacy...has excellent rapport with juries...first rate legal acumen and particularly fine drafting." – Legal 500.

Daniel is a Bencher of the Middle Temple and was a Jules Thorn scholar.

He has been an editor of the Criminal Appeal Reports since 1994.

He has been called to the Cayman Islands Bar.



In 2022, he was appointed Duty Counsel at the International Criminal Court.

He was educated at Trinity Hall, Cambridge where he was elected President of the Cambridge Union Society in 1978.

Criminal Appeals

Daniel has had extensive experience arguing cases in the Court of Appeal stemming from his editorship of the Criminal Appeal Reports and direct access. His appellate work includes:

- **Hoque [2022]**

Appeal against murder conviction.

- **Francis [2022]**

Sentence appeal against sexual offences conviction.

- **Irvine [2020]**

Appeal against sentence in relation to public schoolboy convicted of burglary with intent to commit sexual offences.

- **Boxer [2019]**

Appeal against conviction and sentence in relation to a teacher alleged to have sexually abused pupils.

- **Egboujor [2019]**

Appeal against conviction and sentence in relation to a Bishop convicted of sexual offences against his congregant.

- **RP [2019]**

Conviction appeal based on inconsistent evidence of child victim of sexual abuse.

- **Patten [2018]**

Successfully overturned appeal in relation to jury irregularity.

- **Howeson [2018]**

Appeal against conviction based on the unfairness of the judge's summing up.

- **Lonnie Smith [2016]**

Conviction appeal based on the definition of conspiracy.



- **Dr Arowojolu [2016]**

Conviction overturned in relation to the wrongful admission of bad character evidence.

Homicide

Nuneaton stamping murder trial.

- Gudkovs and others [2024]

International Criminal Court [2023]

War crimes case.

- **Hoque [2021]**

Knife stabbing Crossharbour DLR station murder trial.

- **Malone [2020].**

Defendant struck victim on head with iron bar. Victim died 3 years later.

- **Rooney [2018]**

Reading murder trial involving travellers in a pub.

- **Fowler [2016].**

Defendant killed a neighbour during an argument over noise in the flat below.

- **Gouldbourne [2016]**

Cayman Islands: diminished responsibility trial.

- **Crompton [2015]**

Killing during the course of a burglary.

- **French student murder trial [2015].**

Student strangled to death by defendant.

- **Andrea Burke [2014].**

Attempted murder trial involving shooting.

- **Swayne: [2014]**

Fight between two alcoholics. Defendant acquitted of murder; but convicted of manslaughter



- **Lee Barrett murder trial [2012]**

Represented Derico Smith aged 20 who was acquitted of the knife murder but convicted of manslaughter. He was the nephew of the champion boxer, Pat Barrett.

- **Missing body: Cleeve Prior trial [2011]**

Represented Matthew Taylor who was charged with murder of Jesse Richards in the Midlands missing body trial at Cleeve Prior. Taylor was acquitted of the murder but convicted of manslaughter.

- **Nguyen [2008]**

Contract killing trial.

- **RS [2007]**

Represented a 17 year old girl acquitted of both murder and manslaughter.

- **[2004]**

Represented S who was 19 year old charged with the murder of his mother and two siblings by setting his house alight in Coventry. He was found guilty of manslaughter but not guilty of murder.

- **Brima [2004]**

Street stabbing identification trial.

- **Ascot murder trial [2003]**

Sexual Offences

Prosecution and defence of serious sexual offences including recently:

2024: Prosecuted domestic rape trial

2023: 4 rape trials including one involving incest; and defending a doctor charged with sexually abusing patients.

2022: street rape trials; and step-father sexual abuse.

2021: teacher charged with sexual abuse; and indecent images trials.

Fraud and Financial Crime

- **Lonnie Smith [2011-2014].**

Multi-million pound VAT and loan agreement fraud.



- **Rodley [2012].**

“Lord of Fraud” banking fraud involving over £200 million.

- **Gillespie [2011].**

Counterfeit medicines fraud.

- **Dariento [2008].**

£20 million VAT fraud.

- **Cotton [2008].**

Ponzi fraud committed by a financial advisor.

- **McGrath [2007]**

Former Deputy Leader of Preston Council. Fraud and drugs trials.

- **London City Bond trial [2003].**

Direct Access

Daniel Janner KC is approved to accept instructions direct from international and UK clients on a direct access basis, without the need for a solicitor intermediary in appropriate cases.