



# Daniel Searle

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Daniel has a wide-ranging practice, which encompasses the full spectrum of civil law. Clients praise him for his pragmatic and sound advice with detailed cost/benefit analysis and robust case preparation.

Daniel is a specialist in Direct Public Access and is qualified to accept instructions directly from members of the public.

## Civil

Daniel regularly attends Court in a diverse range of matters, including trials in road traffic accident claims, occupier's liability, landlord and tenant disputes, bankruptcy, contractual disputes, claims made in restitution and claims for defamation.

### Notable cases

#### *The Grenfell Tower Inquiry*

Daniel is currently instructed as junior counsel to the Inquiry, assisting in the analysis of construction-related matters, specifically investigating the cladding and Building Control inspections.

*Athanasios Sophocleous & Ors v (1) Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs; (2) Secretary of State for Defence* [2018] EWHC 19 (QB)

Junior counsel in a claim by 34 claimants who complained of assaults, beatings, rape and other acts of violence and torture allegedly inflicted from 1956 to 1958 in Cyprus during the 'Cyprus Emergency' by agents of the United Kingdom government and of the then Colonial Administration of Cyprus (<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-46978271>).

*R (on the application of P, G, W and Krol) v The Secretary of State for the Home Department & Ors* [2017] EWCA Civ 321 (Court of Appeal, before Sir Brian Leveson).

Junior counsel in the above Court of Appeal matter which challenged the police regime of disclosure of previous convictions and other relevant information. The appeal was successful on the ground of non-compliance with the Human Rights Act, specifically the right to privacy.

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*Apex Global Management Ltd & Or v Global Torch Ltd* [2017] EWCA Civ 315 (Court of Appeal)

Junior counsel in the Court of Appeal in an important case for international litigation concerning the scope and effect of jurisdiction agreements in English and Welsh law. The matter involved a long-standing dispute between the parties over payment of \$9.1 million, which included two Saudi Arabian Princes and allegations of terrorist funding.

*Johnson v Basha & Ors* [2017] HQ17X01863 (High Court; QBD)

Acted as sole representation in an application which was determinative of a claim for £2.5 million. The matter involved allegations of complex fraud against the recipient of an investment from a benevolent organisation.

*Hollins v Hollins* [2017]

Represented the Defendant in a two-day multi-track hearing concerning a claim made in restitution and undue influence. The matter arose out of a dispute between two brothers, one alleging that the other had made a series of withdrawals from their now deceased mother's bank account. The evidence at Court centred around a forensic examination of the parties' bank account statements and a complex family history.

*Gombera & Anor v Brookes-Nandara* [2016] (High Court; QBD)

Sole counsel in successful applications for emergency interim injunctions to prevent a funeral and to give effect to the wishes of the deceased's family on the grounds of Human Rights and inherent jurisdiction of the High Court.

*Apollo Engineering Ltd v The United Kingdom* Application No.: 22061/15 (ECHR)

Assisted in representing the Applicant's challenge against the United Kingdom in the European Court of Human Rights. The matter considered whether, by preventing a director from representing a company, the United Kingdom was in breach of its duty to afford access to fair trials.

## Employment

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Daniel is well-versed in representing clients in lengthy Employment Tribunal claims and has represented clients in cases of unfair and wrongful dismissal, various forms of discrimination under the Equality Act (including disability discrimination) and holiday pay disputes. He has appeared in the Employment Appeal Tribunal and has assisted in matters in the Court of Appeal and Supreme Court.

Notably, he has acted in a four-day unfair dismissal hearing where he cross-examined partners of an international law firm and witnesses abroad via video-link. He has also acted as representation in an eight-day race discrimination case, obtaining a very favourable outcome for his client. Daniel has a particular interest in disability discrimination and has appeared at an appeal in the Employment Appeal Tribunal concerning whether, by refusing to engage in corresponding with an employee's solicitors, the employer failed to make reasonable adjustments.

Daniel also has a busy paper-based practice advising clients on prospects of success and negotiation. He has recently provided advice on a matter in the Supreme Court of St Helena.

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# Immigration

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Daniel has experience of representing clients both at the First-tier and Upper Tribunals in matters brought under the Immigration Rules, on Human Rights grounds and in accordance with the Immigration (European Economic Area) Regulations. He also has experience of appearing in the High Court in emergency injunctions to prevent removals. He has a particular interest in asylum and humanitarian protection.

Daniel also has extensive experience in Judicial Review claims, notably assisting in the matters of *R (Phuong & Ors) v Glyndŵr University* [2014] EWHC 908 (Admin), which involved a claim made by over 90 Claimants against the decision to withdraw their immigration sponsorship and *R (Syed and Kamran) v Secretary of State for the Home Department* [2014] EWCA Civ 196, a test case on the status of ACCA professional qualifications as equivalent to degrees and unlawful delegation to UK NARIC.

## Memberships

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Human Rights Lawyers Association

Employment Law Bar Association

## Awards

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Lyons Davidson Award for Best Advocate (2013) (Winner of the Cardiff University Moot, held in the Supreme Court before Lord Justice Lloyd-Jones)

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