THE BARRISTER GROUP CHAMBERS

Daniel Holt



Called 2021 London and South East

Daniel was called to the Bar and accepts instructions across public and civil practice areas nationwide. He has multidisciplinary experience following his pupillage at an elite set of chambers. He then specialised in civil work during his probationary tenancy at a leading chambers. Daniel undertakes both courtroom advocacy and written advice.

1 About Daniel

Daniel was educated in special needs schools, which ignited his passion for equality. He is the founding Chair of the Association of Disabled Lawyers, Chair of Middle Temple's Disability Forum and sits on the Bar Standards Board's Disability Taskforce. Daniel has engaged with the BSB, Legal Services Board, Solicitors Regulatory Authority, and many other organisations to help improve the experiences of lawyers and students with health conditions. He has undertaken pro bono cases with the Queen Mary Legal Advice Centre, Hackney Community Law Centre, and the Free Representation Unit.

Before being called to the Bar, Daniel worked with numerous organisations, including Disability Rights UK, Regard, Stonewall, the Access to Justice Foundation, the British Institute of Human Rights, and the Human Rights Lawyers Association.

Daniel is recognised as being in the Disability Power 100, a list of the most influential disabled people. He was also highly commended at the 2018 European Diversity Awards.

2 Personal Injury & Clinical Negligence

Daniel has a broad civil practice with a growing focus on personal injury and clinical negligence. He is regularly instructed to draft statements of case, counter-schedules, and Advices, as well as to undertake detailed legal research across a wide range of matters.

Daniel has experience in cases involving:

- Road traffic accidents – liability and quantum disputes
- Limitation, jurisdiction, and indemnity issues
- Health and safety matters
- Occupiers' liability claims
- Employers' liability disputes
- Civil Liability (Contribution) Act 1978 – interpretation of "same damage"

Assessment of damages – including pain, suffering, loss of amenity, and funeral costs He brings a meticulous eye for detail to his drafting and research, and is praised for his clear, concise written work. Daniel is committed to providing practical, accessible advice that supports clients and instructing solicitors alike.

3 Employment Law

Daniel has a developing practice in employment and discrimination law. He is regularly instructed to advise and draft pleadings in claims involving unfair dismissal, whistleblowing, and discrimination across a range of protected characteristics. Instructions have included analysing extensive documentary and witness evidence, advising lay clients, and preparing grounds of claim, defence, and skeleton arguments for preliminary and final hearings.

Daniel supervises Queen Mary Legal Advice Centre students and supports their advice on employment issues, including unfair dismissal, flexible working and Equality Act 2010 matters Daniel has also delivered workshops and training on equality, diversity and inclusion for a range of organisations, including universities, charities, and professional networks.

4 Regulatory Law

Daniel is developing a practice in professional regulation, with a particular focus on healthcare and legal services regulation.

He has meticulously drafted advice and grounds of appeal, including in a complex investigation concerning multiple solicitors. He has also drafted particulars of claim and particulars of negligence, praised for their clarity and structure. Additionally, Daniel has assisted the Department for Business and Trade, where he was tasked with supporting work on mapping over 140 UK regulators.

He also has a particular interest in care-related matters, drawing on his prior experience as a business development manager for a care agency.

5 Public Law

Daniel is keen to develop a broad public law practice, consisting of judicial reviews, immigration, education, public inquiries, and Court of Protection work. He has gained experience in a variety of matters, including: Substantive and procedural matters involving the law of the European Union, European Convention on Human Rights, UN Convention on the Rights of the Child and UN Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities.

- Discrimination, Victimisation and Harassment in schools
- Education, Health and Care Plans
- Mental Capacity and authorisation of deprivation of liberty
- Mental Health Act 1983
- School admissions
- Immigration

6 Commercial & Business Law

Daniel is developing a broad commercial and business practice, with experience across contract, property, and construction disputes. He has drafted pleadings, skeleton arguments, and Advices in a wide range of matters, and has assisted leading juniors on complex points of law.

His work has included: Drafting pleadings in contract, property, and construction disputes

Assisting in researching and drafting an Advice on the definition of "same damage" under Section 1(1) of the Civil Liability (Contribution) Act 1978 Preparing a skeleton argument in a property disrepair dispute involving breaches of covenants and nuisance Drafting skeleton arguments in support of an application for summary judgment to enforce an adjudicator's decision Drafting a defence concerning the enforcement of personal guarantees Drafting a defence and an Advice concerning Part 20 claims in a property and contract dispute

7 Property Law (Landlord & Tenant)

Daniel is building a practice in property, landlord and tenant law. He is often instructed on matters including:

- Mortgage debt recovery
- Housing possession
- Housing disrepairs
- Rent arrears

8 Media & Data Protection Law

Daniel is building a media and data protection law practice and is well-versed in the intersection of rights, regulation, and civil liability. He completed an LLM in Human Rights Law, where media and data protection were integral components of the course. He also has experience with the real-world impact of data handling and public representation, giving him both a professional and personal commitment to advancing this area of law. He also governs several charities where data protection is a key concern.

9 Planning Law

Daniel is building a practice in planning law. He has been instructed to advise and draft pleadings on a range of planning issues, including those involving environmental impact and development control.

His experience includes: Material considerations in refusing planning permission in the context of flood risk emerging local plans

- Planning permission
- Green Belt policy
- Neighbourhood planning
- The community infrastructure levy
- Habitats
- Permitted development rights

10 Memberships & Advisory

- Association of Disabled Lawyers
- Association of Regulatory and Disciplinary Lawyers
- Bar Standards Board Disability Taskforce
- Court of Protection Barristers Association
- Discrimination Law Association
- Employment Law Bar Association
- Human Rights Lawyers Association
- Personal injuries Barristers Association
- Planning and Environment Barristers Association
- UK Constitutional Law Association

11 Awards

- Legal500 ESG Awards (2025): a nomination as Disability/Neurodivergent Champion of the Year.
- Disability Power 100 (2023 and 2024): the 100 most influential disabled people.

British Diversity Awards Finalist (2023): a recognition of the Association of Disabled Lawyers' success.

Worshipful Company of Arbitrators' Arbitration Skills Competition (2023): Special Award on Costs.

European Diversity Awards Campaigner of the Year (Highly Commended) (2018): for long-term disability and LGBTQIA+ activism.

Middle Temple's Duke and Duchess of Cambridge Award and Blackstone Entrance Exhibition (2018): £18,100 means-tested, merit-based grants for the Bar Course.

Testimonials

> *Daniel has significant ability in public law/High Court proceedings. I have no hesitation in recommending Daniel, who is not only very intelligent but personally engaging.*

David Enright
Partner, Howe+Co

> *I instructed Daniel with less than 18 hours before the hearing was listed. The application was complex as it involved several competing parties and a client company in administration. With limited standing in the application, Daniel obtained an unexpected victory, demonstrating a clear grasp of the complex issues involved on extremely short notice. My client was over the moon at the result, and Daniel deserves all the credit for the success at court.*

Andrew Siversten
Director & Solicitor, John Morse Solicitors

INDIVIDUAL AREAS OF LAW

COMMERCIAL & BUSINESS LAW

- Contract
- Debt
- Insurance & Reinsurance
- Other Common Law
- Professional Regulation

MEDIA LAW & INFORMATION LAW

- Defamation
- GDPR

PROPERTY & PLANNING

- Housing Disrepair (Including Personal Injury)
- Planning & Infrastructure

ROAD TRAFFIC

- RTA (Without PI)

PERSONAL & COMPLEX INJURY

- Clinical Negligence
- Motorcycle Injuries
- Occupiers Liability

ACCREDITATIONS