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Daniel Janner KC is an experienced criminal silk with expertise in serious crime fraud and regulatory law.

He prosecutes and defends in some of the most serious criminal matters including; homicide, sexual offences, drugs and firearm offences. Daniel is regularly instructed by clients at a pre-charge stage and throughout the criminal proceedings. This has led him to deal with several matters at the Court of Appeal, whereby he has dealt with appeal matters ranging from sexual offences to murder convictions.

Daniel also has vast experience in dealing in fraud matters where he has dealt with VAT, money-laundering and bribery and corruption acting for both individuals and corporates.

His practice in regulatory law has resulted in representing doctors in disciplinary proceedings before the General Medical Council.

Some of his many prominent cases include:

Heysel Stadium football extraditions.
Knightsbridge Safety Deposit box robbery.
Oyston and Martin rape trials.
French Student murder trial.
"Happy Slap" murder trial.
London City Bond fraud trial.
Rodley "Lord of Fraud" trial.
McGrath corruption and money laundering trial.
Cleeve Prior missing body murder trial.
Gouldbourne Cayman Islands murder trial.
Howeson historic sexual offences trial
Crossharbour DLR murder trial.
Hoverd murder trial.

Cases

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:

2025: Historic sexual abuse of victim with severe cerebral palsy.

2024: Prosecuted several serious sexual offence trials including rape, child abuse and domestic violence.

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.

• Darienzo [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].

Professional Appointments

- He has been called to the Cayman Islands Bar.
- He has been an editor of the Criminal Appeal Reports since 1994.
- Daniel is a Bencher of the Middle Temple and was a Jules Thorn scholar.
- In 2022, he was appointed Duty Counsel at the International Criminal Court.

Education

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

Direct Access

Daniel Janner KC is qualified to accept instructions directly from clients and is registered under the Bar Council's Public Access Scheme, meaning that members of the public who seek specialist advice can come directly to him. In addition, he welcomes instructions from solicitors, in-house law departments, qualified foreign lawyers, and clients licensed by the Bar Council to give instructions directly to barristers under the Bar Council's Licensed Access Scheme. For more information please visit our Direct Access page here.