

## Daniel Saoul QC

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*Absolutely outstanding: he is the complete counsel*

- Chambers & Partners

**Daniel Saoul QC has a commercial practice encompassing business disputes, sports law and public law. He is one of the leading barristers practising in these fields.**

He took silk in 2019, after just ten years at the Bar, and was recognised by the legal press as one of the most outstanding barristers taking silk that year. He is described as "*the complete counsel*", as an "*outstanding advocate*" who "*commands the court*", and as being "*excellent strategically*" and "*exceptionally good to work with*". He is also described as having "*a brilliant intellect*" and "*thoroughly commercial instincts*".

The legal directories rank him as a leading silk in six areas: commercial dispute resolution, international arbitration, civil fraud, professional negligence, sports law and costs litigation. Prior to taking silk he was also a member of the Attorney General's Panel of Counsel, and he continues to advise UK Government departments and agencies on sensitive and complex legal matters.

His practice is wide-ranging, spanning the full spectrum of commercial, civil fraud, banking and finance and professional negligence matters, as well as sports law. He is also instructed on cases involving public and regulatory law, often connected to his other areas of practice. His work is frequently international in nature, including English Court litigation involving cross-border legal issues or foreign law, and includes an extensive international arbitration practice as well as instructions in relation to litigation in overseas jurisdictions, in particular offshore. The cases in which he is instructed often involve allegations of dishonesty or other intentional wrongdoing and he has been instructed in some of the biggest commercial fraud cases to come before the English Courts in recent years.

His work also frequently arises out of, or is connected to, corporate collapse, and he has substantial experience of related areas of insolvency law and insurance law. He is also an expert in the law relating to solicitors' costs, typically acting in matters connected with substantial commercial litigation.

He has appeared in leading cases across all of his areas of expertise, both at trial and appellate level, including as advocate in the Supreme Court. He is a highly experienced cross-examiner and also has substantial experience of heavyweight and often urgent applications, including for freezing and other injunctive relief as well as for committal for contempt of Court, in respect of which he has appeared in a number of legally groundbreaking cases.

Recent comments from Chambers & Partners, Legal 500 and Who's Who Legal include:

- "*Absolutely outstanding. He is the complete counsel: he has a brilliant intellect, he's always able to find one extra first-rate*



*point of argument, he's excellent at paperwork and he's a particularly outstanding advocate"*

- *"He commands the court and is extremely eloquent"*
- *"A first class arbitration advocate"*
- *"Has a razor-sharp mind combined with thoroughly commercial instincts"*
- *"Incredibly astute and intelligent"*
- *"His commerciality and passionate advocacy make him stand out from the crowd"*
- *"A tough opponent, who knows his stuff and will always give you a hard fight"*
- *"Technically excellent and has an excellent feel for a case, he is exceptionally good to work with"*
- *"Excellent strategically, he integrates himself seamlessly into the team"*
- *"He creates solutions to complex problems"*

Dan joined 4 New Square after training and practising as a solicitor-advocate at City firm Herbert Smith (now Herbert Smith Freehills). He has also worked as a litigator in the British Virgin Islands for leading offshore firm Conyers Dill & Pearman and was called to the Bar of the BVI in 2009.

He has served on the Executive Committee of both the Commercial Bar Association (COMBAR) and the British Association for Sport and Law (BASL).

More information about Dan's specific areas of practice is set out below.

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## Areas of Expertise

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### International Arbitration

**"Technically excellent and has an excellent feel for a case, he is exceptionally good to work with."** – *Legal 500, 2020*

Dan has significant experience of international arbitration in the context of both commercial disputes and sports matters. **He is ranked by the directories as a leading practitioner in this area.** He also accepts appointments to sit as arbitrator in disputes falling within his areas of practice.

His background makes him ideally suited to international arbitration: he was educated in the British, French and American systems, speaks fluent French and has worked in London, Paris and the Caribbean.

Where commercial arbitrations are concerned, he has been instructed as Counsel in a range of matters in the commodities, financial services, energy, insurance and construction sectors conducted under, variously, LCIA, ICC, ZCC and LME rules, as well as *ad hoc* arbitrations. Purely by way of example (and recognising the confidentiality which typically attaches to this area of work) this has included a dispute arising out of renewable energy technology in Continental Europe, a claim arising out of an alleged commodities fraud in Central Asia and a case arising out of broadcasting contracts in the Middle East.



He also regularly advises on the scope, validity and effect of arbitration clauses, on challenges to arbitral awards under the Arbitration Act 1996 and on enforcement under the New York Convention. He has also obtained High Court injunctions in support of arbitrations.

Where sports arbitrations are concerned, he is at the forefront of this field and has represented national governing bodies, athletes and other entities before independent arbitral tribunals in both the UK and overseas (including the Court of Arbitration for Sport). For more information on Dan's sports law work, please click on the "Sports" link.

Dan also sits as arbitrator, in both commercial and sports matters, and is on the Panel of Arbitrators of Sport Resolutions, the UK's leading sports dispute resolution body.

## Qualifications & Memberships

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Before commencing practice Dan gained prize-winning first class degrees from the University of Edinburgh (incorporating a year at the University of California, Berkeley) and the University of Oxford, where he was elected to a scholarship. He also taught trusts law at the University of Southampton.

He is a member of COMBAR, CFLA, PNBA and BASL.

He speaks fluent French and has a working knowledge of Spanish.