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- Chambers & Partners

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

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 "*a first class arbitration advocate*" with "*a brilliant intellect*" and "*thoroughly commercial instincts*".

The legal directories rank him as a leading silk in seven areas: commercial dispute resolution, civil fraud, international arbitration, professional negligence, offshore disputes, 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 commercial practice is wide-ranging, spanning the full spectrum of corporate, civil fraud, banking and finance and professional negligence disputes. His sports law practice is equally broad and includes anti-doping, governance, disciplinary issues, selection, player/agent disputes and other commercial matters arising in a sports context. 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 in the UK and before the Court of Arbitration for Sport. He is a highly experienced cross-examiner and also has substantial experience of heavyweight and often urgent applications, having acted in a number of legally ground-breaking cases relating to freezing and other injunctive relief as well as committal for contempt of Court.

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



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- *"A fabulous silk with great technical skills"*
- *"He has a real courtroom presence, is really incisive and has a great rapport with judges"*
- *"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 is excellent in all respects - everything you want in a silk dealing with complex and high-value fraud matters"*
- *"He has a wonderful advocacy style and is a calming influence on a team"*
- *"Has a razor-sharp mind combined with thoroughly commercial instincts"*
- *"A methodical tactician and excellent advocate. Thinks of every angle, and is very easy to work with"*
- *"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.

Privacy Policy

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Areas of Expertise

Public & Administrative

Dan has a strong interest in public and administrative law. Prior to taking silk, he was a member of the Attorney General's Panel of Counsel (B Panel).

He regularly advises the UK Government as well as other clients on legal issues within this sphere, often but not always related to his other areas of expertise. His work for the Government has included complex corporate tax disputes, the obtaining of restraint orders in support of domestic and foreign criminal prosecutions, advising on the obtaining of unexplained wealth orders, as well as advising on other matters relating to the overlap between the State's activities and the commercial world.



He is also an expert on constitutional issues, and has significant experience of advising parties including sporting national governing bodies, corporate entities and individuals this area, both inside and outside the framework of the Companies Act 2006.

He also frequently advises on challenges to the decisions of government departments or other entities, including regulators, subject to the principles of judicial review (or the equivalent private law jurisdiction).

Qualifications & Memberships

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.