

Orchard Street Law

workplace injury and disease • clinical negligence • product liability

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Information About Daniel Bennett & Regulatory Matters

Key information about instructing Daniel Bennett

- Daniel practices in the areas of personal injury and disease, clinical negligence and product liability. He has a particular focus on workplace injury and disease.
- Daniel qualified as a solicitor in 1993, after completing a two year training contract. He converted to the bar and has practised as a barrister since October 2000.
- Usual hourly rates as at January 2020 are £300 per hour, with most work carried out on a conditional fee basis. A conditional fee agreement is provided on first instruction, for you to sign, which confirms the hourly rates and rates for court work. The agreement follows the APIL/PIBA recommended format. Rates for private work can be separately negotiated on a case by case basis.
- Daniel is registered for VAT, registration number 783 1525 23
- The usual period for completion of written instructions is 14 days, but more urgent deadlines can be met, especially for claimants suffering from fatal illness. If Daniel is not able to meet a set or standard deadline, Chamber's clerk will contact you. Conferences can be arranged at chambers, at solicitors offices or at client's homes, as appropriate.
- Daniel takes instructions from solicitors. He is not licensed for direct access work or to conduct litigation.

Work history

2009 – 2019 Doughty Street Chambers
Barrister

2000 – 2009 Old Square Chambers
Barrister

1997 – 2000 Leigh Day & Co
Solicitor

1993 – 1997 Hill Taylor Dickinson
Trainee Solicitor, Solicitor

Education

1992 – 1993 College of Law, Store Street, London
Solicitors' Law Finals

1991 – 1992 Warwick University
LLM in Law

1988 – 1991 St Catherine's College, Oxford University
BA in Jurisprudence

1981 – 1988 King David High School, Liverpool

Publications

Editor of *Munkman on Employer's Liability* (Butterworths) 14th Edition [2006], 15th Edition [2009], 16th Edition [2013] and 17th Edition [2019]

Contributing author to *The Law of Damages* (Butterworths) 1st Edition [2003]

Personal Injury Litigation Service (Butterworths, loose-leaf) current author of chapters on Workplace Injury, Construction Sites, Work Equipment, Manual Handling, Repetitive Strain Injury and Hazardous Substances

Occupational Illness Litigation (Sweet & Maxwell, loose-leaf), author of chapters on Asthma, Dermatitis and Biological Agents

Elder abuse and death claims; *Clinical Risk C. Risk* (2012) Vol.18 No.5 Pages 194-196

MRSA infections: pinpointing responsibility; *Personal Injury Law Journal P.I.L.J.* (2008) No.69 October Pages 9-11

Litigating hospital acquired MRSA as a disease; *Journal of Personal Injury Law J.P.I. Law* (2004) No.3 Pages 197-208

Doctors & Nurses: Asthma and dermatitis caused by latex exposure; *Journal of Personal Injury Law, June J.P.I. Law* (2001) Issue No.2 Pages 117-123

Regulatory Matters

- Daniel is regulated by the Bar Standards Board.
- For the register of practising barristers see: <https://www.barstandardsboard.org.uk/for-the-public/search-a-barristersrecord/the-barristers-register.html>. The purpose of this register is to show whether a barrister has a current practising certificate, and whether a barrister has any disciplinary findings, which are published on the Bar Standards Board's website in accordance with their policy. Alternatively, you can contact the Bar Standards Board on 020 7611 1444 to ask about this (or e-mail ContactUs@BarStandardsBoard.org.uk).
- Daniel has professional liability insurance with the Bar Mutual Indemnity Fund Limited to cover the legal services he provides.
- Daniel is registered on the Data Protection Register at the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) under registration number ICO:00012439704.
- Daniel seeks to provide the best possible service to clients and has a written complaints policy for complaints against its barristers. A copy of Chambers' complaints policy is attached. Should you require another copy please contact Chambers' clerk at the address above.
- The Legal Ombudsman (LeO) investigates complaints of poor service from lawyers. Any person aggrieved of a service by a barrister may make a complaint to the Legal Ombudsman, although generally they should first follow the barrister's internal complaints policy first. If a satisfactory response has not been obtained within eight weeks from a complaint made to the barrister's chambers, a complaint may be made to the Legal Ombudsman. Please visit <https://www.legalombudsman.org.uk/> for more information, or call 0300 555 0333 between 9am to 5pm Mondays to Fridays. Alternatively, you can email the legal ombudsman at enquiries@legalombudsman.org.uk or write to the Legal Ombudsman at Legal Ombudsman, PO Box 6806, Wolverhampton, WV1 9WJ.
- Decision data on complaints to the Legal Ombudsman may be obtained at: <https://www.legalombudsman.org.uk/raising-standards/data-anddecisions/#ombudsman-decision-data>. This shows those legal service providers which received an ombudsman's decision in the previous twelve months, and whether Legal Ombudsman required the provider to give the consumer a remedy.
- Independent information about legal issues and lawyers can be found at: <https://www.legalchoices.org.uk/>

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