



Daniella Adeluwoye – Barrister

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Introduction

Daniella read Human, Social, and Political Science at the University of Cambridge, where she was awarded a First and ranked second in her cohort. After graduating, she converted to law at City Law School and then undertook the Bar Course with the benefit of the Inner Temple Princess Royal Scholarship, one of the Inn’s most prestigious merit-based scholarships.

At Cambridge, Daniella was a freelance journalist for national newspapers and magazines, including The Guardian and The Observer.

Crime

Daniella regularly defends in both the Magistrates’ Court and Crown Court, where she has represented clients charged with a range of offences such as serious fraud, violent disorder, drugs, weapons, serious violence, stalking, and theft. She has recently secured acquittals on charges of knife possession, battery, sexual assault, indecent exposure, and various driving offences, including dangerous driving, being in charge of a vehicle with excess alcohol, and operating a handheld mobile phone while driving.

She has also successfully argued for the dismissal of charges such as attempted robbery, assault by beating, using violence to secure entry into property, and threatening to damage property. The judiciary has praised her advocacy as “elegant”, noted how she “forcibly” advanced her client’s mitigation, and commended her for the manner in which she articulately elicited her client’s evidence in the courtroom.

Daniella’s calm and confident temperament puts clients at ease as she quickly grasps both the key issues and the finer details of the case in order to provide sensible advice.

Highlights of recent work include:

R v WI - Acted for a defendant charged with violent disorder, possession of a bladed article in a public place (a machete), and possession of a prohibited weapon (a sword) in a private place. The defendant caused serious physical injury to two persons, and this was his ‘second-strike’ offence. Following Daniella’s assertion that the third count was misconceived in law, the Crown offered no evidence. Outcome - following guilty pleas entered to the remaining matters, Daniella carefully advanced considerable mitigation against the backdrop of several convictions. The sentence was successfully mitigated down to 25 months’ imprisonment — towards the very bottom of what the Court could have imposed.



R v FL - Acted for a defendant in a multi-handed case who had pleaded guilty to facilitating the commission of a breach of UK immigration law (the defendant had driven a lorry containing three Vietnamese nationals from Dover). Outcome - the defendant was released on time served.

R v AS - Acted for a defendant charged with possession of a (large) knife and affray. Following review of Daniella's robust defence case statement, the Crown offered no evidence. In that statement, Daniella challenged the admissibility of the CCTV footage, which the Crown sought to rely on to establish her client's identification. She also contended that no formal identification procedures had been undertaken.

R v PD - Acted for a defendant who had pleaded guilty to breaching a restraining order and Class A drug possession. Daniella successfully argued that the lead offence was a Category 3 Harm, rather than a Category 2 Harm; this position was initially disputed by the Crown but accepted at the sentencing hearing. The Judge at the Crown Court expressed that Daniella's sentencing note was "helpful" and that she "should be commended on [her] thorough preparation" and "spot-on submissions". Outcome - Daniella secured a 12-month community order for each offence to run concurrently.

R v CD - Acted for a youth defendant who had pleaded guilty to ABH (the youth defendant had hit another youth with a glass bottle on the head twice, causing injury). Outcome - secured a referral order.

R v BL - Acted for a youth defendant charged with attempted robbery in a multi-handed case. The Crown alleged that around four to five teenagers approached a delivery driver on an electronic bike, attempted to steal the bike and his mobile phone, and made verbal threats. Upon the police's arrival, the teenagers ran away; Daniella's client and his co-defendant were apprehended separately shortly afterwards. The youth defendant made no comment in interview. Outcome - Following cross-examination of the Crown's witness by Daniella and her co-counsel, they successfully argued that there was no case to answer.

R v CW - Acted for a defendant charged with dangerous driving following a police chase. At trial, Daniella successfully applied to exclude evidence of bad character — an identical conviction of a similar nature (a separate police chase). Outcome - secured a suspended sentence following the defendant's conviction.

Family

Daniella undertakes work in financial remedy proceedings and in both private and public children law. During her pupillage, she completed a secondment at a boutique family law firm in the City, where she was exposed to complex high-net-worth divorce cases. She also accepts instructions to advise on issues of habitual residence and domicile in jurisdictional disputes.



Highlights of recent work include:

SM v GS - Daniella was recently instructed on an ongoing jurisdictional dispute where habitual residence was disputed. At the final hearing, HHJ Hess, the Lead Judge of the London Financial Remedies Court, commended the representatives for the “excellent level” in which they had represented the parties and for their “appropriate and focused cross-examination”.

Immigration

Daniella is regularly instructed on matters involving asylum, humanitarian protection, and human rights claims. She also accepts instructions to provide written advice in judicial review claims and draft Pre-Action Protocol Letters. Daniella welcomes instructions in all areas of immigration law.

Highlights of recent work include:

KS v SSHD (FTT) - Successful appeal on behalf of a Russian asylum seeker. The Tribunal found that Daniella’s client had a well-founded fear of persecution upon return to Russia due to her political opinion.

SL v SSHD (FFT) - Daniella successfully argued that the removal of her client to Nigeria would result in unjustifiably harsh consequences for her such that it would constitute a breach of Article 8.

BK v SSHD (FTT) - Successful appeal on asylum and human rights grounds on behalf of a Kurdish asylum seeker.

Public Law, Human Rights and Civil Liberties

Daniella welcomes instructions in all these areas. She clerks school admission appeal panels, advising panel members on the applicable legal test.

General Civil

Daniella undertakes a range of work in the County Court, including trials on the small claims track. She is developing a practice in dog ownership claims under the Torts (Interference with Goods) Act 1977 and accepts instructions in pre-trial hearing applications and TOLATA.

Property and Housing

Daniella welcomes instructions in all areas of property and housing law. She accepts instructions in possession claims with an Inheritance Act 1975 element.

Testimonials



- *“I have no hesitation in recommending Daniella. She is an extremely professional advocate whilst also adopting a friendly approach with clients. She has exceptional attention to detail and always ensures that she strives for the best outcome for each client, no matter what the case. She has secured many great results, and I would recommend her to any of my clients.”* **Rebecca Taylor - Patterson Law**
- *“I was very impressed with Ms Adeluwoye’s detailed assessment of the prosecution evidence, case preparation and her calm and confident interaction with the client. She achieved a good outcome, and the client was very happy.”* **William Morrison - Sanders Witherspoon LLP**
- *“She has shown a willingness to go above and beyond what we would expect of a Pupil / Junior Barrister in respect of her level of preparation and dedication to securing the right results for our clients and has secured excellent outcomes in the cases in which she has been instructed.”* **Syed Naveed - Kingsbury Ellis LLP**

Scholarships and Awards

City Law School Scholarship for Academic Excellence

Inner Temple Princess Royal Scholarship

David Thompson Prize

Inner Temple Exhibition Scholarship

Qualifications

BA in Human, Social, and Political Science, University of Cambridge (First Class)

Graduate Diploma in Law, City, University of London

Bar Training Course, City, University of London

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