

Daniel Goldblatt

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Daniel Goldblatt is ranked as a Rising Star (Legal 500, 2025) and Up and Coming (Chambers & Partners, 2025). He has a broad and busy practice ranging from multiparty Commercial Court disputes to constitutional law appeals in the Privy Council.

Daniel has particular experience in contract and trust disputes, civil fraud, insolvency, aviation and travel law, and public and constitutional law. He is also developing a practice in international arbitration and mediation.

Daniel is frequently instructed as sole counsel in trials and interlocutory hearings and has acted as part of counsel teams in the High Court, Court of Appeal, and the Privy Council.

The directories have described him as:

"Daniel has excellent mastery of the facts and law and is a joy to work with", "...all over the case, with excellent strategic judgment", (Chambers & Partners, 2025)

"Daniel is hard-working, very perceptive and able to throw himself into dealing with difficult issues including those of complexity, outside the usual comfort zone of a barrister of his call. An invaluable member of the team." (Legal 500, 2025)

Recent experience includes:

- *Chin v Hart & Ors* (ongoing) – acting on behalf of the Attorney General as the interested party in a Privy Council appeal concerning a challenge to the Commission of Enquiry set up to investigate a multi-million dollar housing project in Trinidad & Tobago (with Daniel Feetham KC)
- *Attorney General of Trinidad and Tobago v Tobago House of Assembly [2025] UKPC 8* – appeal concerning the power of a devolved legislature to enter into build, own, lease, transfer (BOLT) private finance initiatives without approval or oversight from central government (with Howard Stevens KC).
- *Ortiz-Patino v MGI Golf and Leisure Opportunities Fund Ltd [2024] EWCA Civ 862* – appeal to the Court of Appeal in a multi-million euro dispute over a profit share agreement in the Valderrama luxury golf course involving issues of contractual interpretation and the application of 'the presumption of similarity' to Swiss law (with Peter Knox KC).
- *Republic of Mozambique v Credit Suisse International & Ors [2024] EWHC 1957 (Comm)* – acting on behalf of members of the Credit Suisse Deal Team in a multi-billion dollar civil fraud claim concerning the enforceability of state guarantees (described by The Lawyer as one of the top 20 cases of 2023) (with, amongst others, Peter Knox KC, Rupert Butler, and Charlotte Pope-Williams)

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- *Price & Ors v Fliccraft Limited & Ors* [2024] EWCA Civ 136 – joined appeals in the Court of Appeal involving issues of contractual interpretation, interpretation of the Patents Act 1977 and costs (with Peter Knox KC).

Before gaining tenancy at 3 Hare Court, Daniel read for a joint degree in International Relations and Modern History at St Andrews, followed by an accelerated law degree at St Edmund Hall, Oxford. He was called to the Bar as a Prince of Wales Scholar of Gray's Inn.

Daniel is a CEDR-Accredited and CMC Registered Mediator.

Legal Services

Appeals to the Privy Council & Offshore

Daniel has also been instructed as part of counsel teams in several appeals before the Privy Council and has acted as sole counsel in drafting notices of objection and advising on prospects of success. He is particularly interested in Caribbean constitutional law and has significant expertise in the Judicial Committee's rules and procedures.

Daniel has a growing offshore practice and has assisted in commercial, civil fraud, trusts, and contentious probate disputes and public law challenges across the Commonwealth (including Jersey, the Bahamas, Trinidad and Tobago, and Antigua and Barbuda).

Relevant Privy Council experience:

- *Chin v Hart & Ors* (ongoing) – Acting on behalf of the Attorney General as the interested party in a Privy Council appeal concerning a challenge to the Commission of Enquiry set up to investigate a multi-million dollar housing project in Trinidad & Tobago (with Daniel Feetham KC)
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- *Lux Locations v Yida Zhang* [2023] UKPC 3 – Privy Council appeal from the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court concerning a fraudulent attempt to escape from a settlement agreement, and the proper approach to an application for default judgment where the claim is for a remedy other than a sum of money (with, amongst others, Thomas Roe KC).
- *Attorney General of Trinidad and Tobago (Respondent) v Akili Charles (Appellant) (Trinidad and Tobago)* [2022] UKPC 49 – Acting on behalf of the Attorney General in a claim for constitutional relief (with, amongst others, Peter Knox KC).
- *Attorney General of Trinidad and Tobago (Appellant) v Akili Charles (Respondent) No 2 (Trinidad and Tobago)* [2022] UKPC 31 – Acting on behalf of the Attorney General in a matter concerning the compatibility of section 5(1) of the Bail Act 1994 with the Constitution of Trinidad and Tobago (with Peter Knox KC).
- *Commissioner of Prisons and another (Respondents) v Seepersad and another* [2021] UKPC 13 – Acting on behalf of the Respondents in a matter concerning the breadth of the Constitution's 'due process' and 'protection of the law' provisions (with Howard Stevens KC).
- *Attorney General of Trinidad and Tobago v Ayers-Caesar* [2019] UKPC 44 – Acting on behalf of the

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President of Trinidad and Tobago in an appeal against the grant of leave for judicial review. (with Howard Stevens KC).

Relevant offshore experience:

- Acting for a beneficiary of a Jersey trust in relation to a representation brought by the trustees seeking declaratory relief in respect of ownership of trust property (with Charles Sorensen).
- Assisting in a multi-million dollar estate trust dispute involving allegations of fraud, breach of trust, and breach of fiduciary duty, as well as the rule against reflective loss.
- Advice on appealing an order setting aside a multi-million dollar default judgment in a Caribbean jurisdiction.
- Assisting in a worldwide freezing injunction application in the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court relating to non-payment of a judgment debt as well as an application for committal application for non-payment of the judgment debt (with Thomas Roe KC).
- Advising the parliament of a British Overseas Territory on the powers and privileges of its members (with James Guthrie KC).

Aviation Law

Daniel has extensive experience acting and advising in aviation matters, including hull damage, insurance, contractual disputes between airlines and commercial partners, airport disputes, and acting for airlines in carriage by air claims brought under Regulation 261/04, and the Montreal Convention.

Recent experience includes:

- *Harper v Thomas Cook Airlines [2024] EWHC 3037 (KB)* – Acting for a group of insurers in an application for an urgent injunction to prevent a claimant accused of fundamental dishonesty from deleting social media posts until after trial.
- Acting for an airline in a high-value hull damage claim involving an Airbus A380

Banking & Financial Services

Daniel has experience of banking and financial services disputes, primarily acting for banks, bankers and other lenders. He has acted in claims arising under the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 and the Consumer Credit Act 1974 and he also has experience of syndicated loan agreements and international bond issues involving emerging markets. Daniel also has in-house experience, having worked as a stagiaire at the Paris office of Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel LLP.

Recent highlights include:

- *Attorney General of Trinidad and Tobago v Tobago House of Assembly [2025] UKPC 8* – appeal concerning the power of a devolved legislature to enter into build, own, lease, transfer (BOLT) private finance initiatives without approval or oversight from central government (with Howard Stevens KC).
- Advising (with Richard Samuel) on a €100 million ICC arbitration in relation to a multi-billion euro securitisation transaction.
- *Republic of Mozambique v Credit Suisse International & Ors [2023] EWHC 1148 (Comm); [2023] EWHC 1650 (Comm); [2023] EWHC 2942 (Comm); [2024] EWHC 1957 (Comm)* – Acting on behalf of members of the Credit Suisse Deal Team in a multi-billion dollar civil fraud claim concerning the enforceability of

sovereign guarantees in respect of loans exceeding \$2 billion (described by The Lawyer as one of the top 20 cases of 2023) (with, amongst others, Peter Knox KC, Rupert Butler, and Charlotte Pope-Williams)

Commercial & Civil Fraud

Daniel is ranked as a 'Rising Star' in Commercial Litigation (Legal 500, 2025) and "Up and Coming" in Civil Fraud (Chambers & Partners, 2025). He is regularly instructed to appear as an advocate, advise and settle pleadings in commercial disputes. Daniel has experience in civil fraud, and asset recovery and is developing a practice in international arbitration (see below). He also has in-house experience, having worked as a stagiaire at the Paris office of Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel LLP and on secondment to the commercial litigation department of Peters & Peters LLP.

Relevant experience includes:

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- Advising investors in a film and television franchise in relation to potential multi-million-pound claims for breaches of contract and breaches of fiduciary duty by a distributor.
- Drafting statements of case for a multi-million-pound breach of contract and unjust enrichment claim relating to a series of property developments.
- Advising on the enforcement of a C\$16,000,000 Canadian judgment under the Foreign Judgments (Reciprocal Enforcement) Act 1933.
- *Tenaga Nasional Berhad v Frazer-Nash Research* [2018] EWHC 1848 (QB) – Application to register Malaysian judgments under the Administration of Justice Act 1920 (assisting Richard Samuel)

Company Law & Insolvency

Daniel has experience acting and advising in contentious company and partnership disputes and corporate and personal insolvencies. He has also given talks on the investigatory powers of liquidators.

Examples of relevant experience include:

- Advising on the winding up of partnerships.

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- Applications to restrain presentation of winding up petitions.
- Appearances in winding up and bankruptcy petitions.
- Advising on misfeasance, breach of fiduciary duty and debt claims against current and former company directors.
- *Lily Properties & Anoth v Stonebridge & Others* [2020] EWHC 2113 (CH) – Unfair prejudice petition involving a company formed by a residential community (assisting Richard Samuel)
- *Re One Blackfriars Ltd; Hyde v Bannon* [2017] – Interlocutory concerning the relationship between the CPR and Insolvency Rules as part of a multi-million-pound claim against former administrators of a company (as a pupil, assisting Tom Poole KC)

Insurance

Daniel has been instructed to act and advise on a variety of insurance-related matters, including:

- *Harper v Thomas Cook Airlines* [2024] EWHC 3037 (KB) – Acting for a group of insurers in an application for an urgent injunction to prevent a claimant accused of fundamental dishonesty from deleting social media posts until after trial.
- Advising on declinature of commercial policies for failure to notify
- Advising in relation to limitation periods for claims
- Advising on interpretation of section 11 of the Insurance Act 2015

International Arbitration

- (ICC): Advising (with Richard Samuel) on a €100 million arbitration in relation to a multi-billion euro securitisation transaction.
- (SIAC): Advised (as junior counsel) a logistics company in contemplated Euro €100 million arbitral proceedings against a former client in relation to breaches of a freight forwarding contract that had been impacted by sanctions on Russia.
- (ICC): Instructed (as junior counsel) for a US biopharmaceutical company in claims relating to alleged breaches of tax warranties contained in an SPA.
- (ICC): Instructed (as junior counsel) for a French rolling stock manufacturer in jurisdictional and limitation challenges to a multi-million pound breach of contract claim.

Inquiries, Constitutional & Public Law

Daniel has experience across a range of public law matters, both domestically and in the Commonwealth. He has a particular interest in Caribbean constitutional law.

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- *Attorney General of Trinidad and Tobago (Respondent) v Akili Charles (Appellant) (Trinidad and Tobago)* – Acting on behalf of the Attorney General in a matter concerning, amongst other things, the need to specifically plead a case against an emanation of the State (with Peter Knox KC).
- *Attorney General of Trinidad and Tobago (Appellant) v Akili Charles (Respondent) No 2 (Trinidad and Tobago) [2022] UKPC 31*– Acting on behalf of the Attorney General in a matter concerning the compatibility of section 5(1) of the Bail Act 1994 with the Constitution (with Peter Knox KC).
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- Advising the parliament of a British Overseas Territory on the powers and privileges of its members (with James Guthrie KC).
- *Attorney General of Trinidad and Tobago v Ayers-Caesar [2019] UKPC 44* – Acting on behalf of the President of Trinidad and Tobago in an appeal against the grant of leave for judicial review (with Howard Stevens KC).

Mediation

Daniel is a CEDR-Accredited and CMC Registered Mediator. He accepts instructions in all of his practice areas.

Examples of relevant mediations include:

- TOLATA claims.
- Commercial debt claims.
- Professional negligence claims.
- Insurance declinature.
- Neighbour disputes (including right to light)

Travel & Cross Border Claims

Daniel has experience acting and advising in travel and cross-border disputes involving foreign law, jurisdictional challenges, the Package Travel Regulations (1992 and 2018) and the Montreal and Athens Conventions. He primarily acts for defendant insurers, airlines and tour package holiday providers.

Recent experience includes:

- *Harper v Thomas Cook Airlines [2024] EWHC 3037 (KB)* – Acting for a group of insurers in an application for an urgent injunction to prevent a claimant accused of fundamental dishonesty from deleting social media posts until after trial.
- Assisting Howard Stevens KC and Dan Saxby in the civil proceedings that arose from the Tunisia

Trusts, Probate & Estates

Daniel has experience across a range of contentious trusts, probate and estates matters.

Relevant experience includes:

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- Acting for a beneficiary of a Jersey trust in relation to a representation brought by the trustees seeking declaratory relief in respect of ownership of trust property (with Charles Sorensen).
- Assisting in a multi-million dollar estate trust dispute involving allegations of fraud, breach of trust, and breach of fiduciary duty, as well as the rule against reflective loss.
- Advising corporate beneficiaries on bringing administration action against trustees to enforce a claim for breach of contract and breach of fiduciary duty by a third party.
- Advising on prospects of appeal to the Privy Council in a challenge to the validity of a will in Trinidad & Tobago.
- Advising in relation to contentious probate claims involving foreign property.
- Acting and advising in relation to claims brought under TOLATA and the Inheritance (Provision for Family and Dependants) Act 1975.

Accreditations





CMC Registered Mediator 2025

Publications

- [Courts and the registration of foreign judgment](#) – Lexis Dispute Resolution PSL – November 2018
- [Third Party Funding: a Litigation lifeline?](#) – New Law Journal – August 2020

Memberships

- Commercial Bar Association (COMBAR)
- Commonwealth Lawyers' Association (CLA)
- R3

Qualifications

- MA (Hons) International Relations and Modern History (First Class), University of St Andrews
- BA (Hons) Jurisprudence, with Senior Status, St Edmund Hall, University of Oxford
- BPTC, University of Law
- CEDR-Accredited Mediator
- **CMC Registered Mediator**

Awards

- Negotiation Prize, University of Law (2017)
- Advocacy Scholarship, University of Law (2016)
- Prince of Wales Scholarship, Gray's Inn (2016)
- Shearman & Sterling Moot Competition (judged by Lord Wilson), Winner, University of Oxford (2015)
- Herbert Smith Freehills Disability Law Mooting Championship (judged by Lord Phillips), Runner-Up, University of Oxford (2014)
- Lawyers Without Borders Rule of Law Innovation Competition, Winner (2014)
- CPE Award, Gray's Inn (2013)
- Dean's List for Academic Excellence (Junior and Senior Honours) University of St Andrews (2012; 2013)