

Daniel Goldblatt

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Daniel Goldblatt has a broad and busy practice ranging from multiparty Commercial Court disputes to constitutional law appeals in the Privy Council.

He 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.

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 Mediator

Current and recent highlights include:

- *Price & Ors v Flietcraft Limited & Ors* (judgment awaited) – joined appeals in the Court of Appeal involving issues of contractual interpretation, interpretation of the Patents Act 1977 and costs (with Peter Knox KC).
- *Republic of Mozambique v Credit Suisse International & Ors* (judgment awaited on outstanding claims) – 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)
- *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 (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, amongst others, Peter Knox KC)

Legal Services

Administrative & Constitutional Law

Daniel has gained experience across a range of public law matters, both domestically and in the Commonwealth.

Notable Administrative & Constitutional Law cases

[Attorney General of Trinidad and Tobago \(Respondent\) v Akili Charles \(Appellant\) \(Trinidad and Tobago\) \[2022\] UKPC 49](#)

Acting on behalf of the Attorney General (led by Peter Knox KC) in a matter concerning, amongst other things, the need to specifically plead a case against an emanation of the State.

[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 (led by Peter Knox KC) in a matter concerning the compatibility of section 5(1) of the Bail Act 1994 with the Constitution

[Commissioner of Prisons and another \(Respondents\) v Seepersad and another \[2021\] UKPC 13](#)

Acting on behalf of the Respondents (led by Howard Stevens KC) in a matter concerning the breadth of the Constitution's 'due process' and 'protection of the law' provisions.

Assisting James Guthrie KC in advising the parliament of a British Overseas Territory on the powers and privileges of its members.

[Attorney General of Trinidad and Tobago v Ayers-Caesar \[2019\] UKPC 44](#)

Acting on behalf of the President of Trinidad and Tobago (led by Howard Stevens KC) in an appeal against the grant of leave for judicial review

Appeals to the Privy Council

Daniel has been instructed as part of counsel teams in the Privy Council in commercial and constitutional law

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matters. He also has experience acting as sole counsel in drafting notices of objection. He has significant expertise in the Judicial Committee's rules and procedures.

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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).

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Commercial & Insolvency

Daniel is regularly instructed to appear as an advocate, advise and settle pleadings in commercial and trust disputes as well on matters of corporate and personal insolvency. He has experience in civil fraud, asset recovery and is developing a practice in international arbitration. 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.

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Price & Ors v Flitcraft Limited & Ors (judgment awaited)

Joined appeals in the Court of Appeal involving issues of contractual interpretation, interpretation of the Patents Act 1977 and costs (with Peter Knox KC).

Republic of Mozambique v Credit Suisse International & Ors [2023] EWHC 1148 (Comm); [2023] EWHC 1650 (Comm); [2023] EWHC 2942 (Comm) (judgment awaited on outstanding claims)

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)

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)

Drafting an application and submissions for a worldwide freezing injunction in the Eastern Caribbean.

Drafting an application and submissions for an application to committal for non-payment of a judgment debt in the Eastern Caribbean.

Drafting statements of case and acting for a major contractor in a claim for breach of contract and misrepresentation arising out of the refurbishment of a hospital.

Advising a liquidator on misfeasance and debt claims against a former company director.

Drafting and advising on deeds of assignment for a national charity

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Advising (as junior counsel) in an ICC arbitration of a dispute relating to alleged breaches of tax warranties contained in an SPA.

Drafting statements of case in a construction dispute arising out of the Hinkley Point nuclear power station project.

Assisting Richard Samuel in Lily Properties & Anoth v Stonebridge & Others [2020] EWHC 2113 (CH), an unfair prejudice petition involving a company formed by a residential community.

Assisting with 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.

Advising (as junior counsel) in an ICC arbitration concerning railway infrastructure supply contracts.

Advising in relation to breach of trust and devastavit claims against personal representatives.

Assisting Richard Samuel in Tenaga Nasional Berhad v Frazer-Nash Research [2018] EWHC 1848 (QB), an application to register Malaysian judgments under the Administration of Justice Act 1920.

Assisting, as a pupil, Tom Poole in Re One Blackfriars Ltd; Hyde v Bannon [2017], a successfully resisted interlocutory application that concerned the relationship between the CPR and Insolvency Rules as part of a multi-million-pound claim against former administrators of a company.

Mediation

Daniel is a CEDR-Accredited Mediator. He accepts instructions in commercial, insolvency, probate, property and personal injury matters.

Travel Law & Aviation

Daniel has experience acting and advising in travel law litigation for both claimants and defendants under the Package Travel Regulations and the Montreal and Athens Conventions. He recently assisted [Howard Stevens KC](#) and [Dan Saxby](#) in the civil proceedings that arose from the Tunisia Inquests. Daniel regularly acts for major airlines in contractual disputes involving service providers and consumers, as well as Regulation 261/2004 claims.

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)
- Personal Injury Bar Association (PIBA)
- 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

Awards

- Negotiation Prize, University of Law (2017)
- Advocacy Scholarship, University of Law (2016)

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- 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)