



DANIEL BISHOP

Year of call
2007

Daniel Bishop is a specialist criminal practitioner who has a wide range of experience in all aspects of criminal litigation.

His practice in recent years has focused on multi-handed prosecutions, particularly those relating to drug and violent offences, and serious sexual offences. Daniel also has experience in prosecuting complex fraud cases.

His recent cases include a 23- handed attempted murder and conspiracy to commit violent disorder (Operation Evolution), the prosecution of a conspiracy to import one of the largest ever amounts of Class A drugs to be imported into the UK (Operation Mainpost), and the prosecution of several 'stranger rape' cases.

Daniel is qualified to accept instructions directly from clients and is registered under the Bar Council's Public Access Scheme, meaning that members of the public who seek specialist advice can come direct to him. In addition, he welcomes instructions from solicitors, in-house law departments, qualified foreign lawyers, and clients licensed by the Bar Council to give instructions direct to barristers under the Bar Council's Licensed Access Scheme. For more information please visit our Direct Access page [here](#).

LEGAL EXPERTISE

Crime

Selected Cases

Operation Mainpost - Bristol Crown Court (2019)

Daniel was a led junior in the prosecution of 5 defendants who had attempted to smuggle one of the largest ever shipments of cocaine into the UK (1.4 tonnes of the drug, worth £112 million). The defendants in the case

purchased a catamaran which they used to sail to Venezuela to collect the drugs, before returning the UK with the aim of meeting a second, smaller boat in UK waters to transship the drugs and bring them ashore. The defendants' plan was thwarted by a joint operation between the National Crime Agency and the UK Border Force. The trial Judge described the defendants' plan as 'criminality of truly staggering proportions'.

R v Obi Forgive - Northampton Crown Court (2019)

Daniel prosecuted a 'stranger rape' case in which the Crown's case rested upon the inferences to be drawn from circumstantial evidence. The victim had no memory of the attack. The evidence included CCTV footage of the movements of the defendant and the victim on the night of the attack, which had been painstakingly pieced together by the investigation team.

Operation Evolution - Leicester Crown Court (2018-2019)

Daniel was a led junior in the prosecution of 23 defendants split into three trials. The case involved a series of violent confrontations between two groups of young men in Leicester City Centre which culminated in a mass confrontation at Bede Park, where the victim was chased down and stabbed multiple times by a group of at least 20 men. The case involved the identification of the culprits by a police officer who had spent many hundreds of hours viewing the CCTV footage.

R v Mark Law & Mason Casey - Leicester Crown Court (2017)

Daniel was a led junior in the prosecution of two young defendants who murdered a 45 year man that they met through a dating-focussed social networking app called 'Badoo'. The defendants planned the murder, and used 'Badoo' to lure the victim to a meeting in an industrial estate car park where he was stabbed.

Memberships

- Criminal Bar Association
- Fraud Lawyers Association
- Midland Circuit
- South Eastern Circuit