

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. He has been instructed as leading junior and led junior in serious and complex criminal cases.

As junior counsel alone, he has both prosecuted and defended in cases involving allegations of manslaughter and attempted murder.

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

Daniel was appointed Treasury Counsel Monitree in March 2024.

In the last three years, he has been instructed in the following cases:

Murder

- R v B (2023) – An allegation of murder following which the Defendant buried the deceased in the garden of the family home and concealed the fact of the killing for a period of several months. Led.
- R v G and 9 others (2021) – A case in which 7 of the 10 Defendants are charged with murder arising out of a group attack. Led.
- R v M and 3 others (2021) – A murder involving a stabbing in a revenge attack. Led.
- R v M and other (2021) – A murder involving a stabbing outside a crowded public bar. Led.
- R v B (2020) – An allegation of murder by the house mate of the deceased during the Coronavirus lockdown. Led.
- R v C (2020) – An allegation of murder with a knife in broad daylight outside a London pub in which the issue was the partial defence of loss of control. Led.
- R v W (2020) – An allegation of murder with a knife in which the Defendant stabbed his best friend in an argument in the street. Led.
- R v G and 4 others (2020) – A murder committed during a robbery of drugs. Led.

Manslaughter

- R v P (2022) – A ‘single punch’ manslaughter with a medically unusual delayed onset traumatic brain haemorrhage and issues of causation, requiring expert evidence in multiple disciplines. Sole counsel.
- R v McFarlane [2023] 1 Cr. App. R. (S) 14 – A single punch manslaughter in which the sentence imposed at first instance was found by the Court of Appeal to have been unduly lenient, having considered that the categorisation of the case for sentence was not entirely straightforward. Sole counsel at first instance and on appeal.

Drugs cases

- R v M (2021) – An Encrochat case involving a cocaine supply conspiracy across Nottinghamshire and Liverpool.
- Operation Mainpost (Nigel Clark, Dean Waters & 3 others 2019) – A National Crime Agency prosecution of 5 men who conspired to import 1.4 tonnes of cocaine into the UK using a yacht that they purchased and sailed to South America. The yacht was intercepted by the authorities with the drugs onboard as it approached the Cornish coast. Led.

Serious Sexual Offences

- R v T (2021) – An allegation of a knifepoint rape of a stranger in which the alleged offender was identified years after the offence by DNA. Sole counsel.
- R v Lynch (2021) – A case involving a theatre group leader who sexually abused multiple young victims during auditions for drama productions. Sole counsel.
- R v A (2020) – A stranger rape committed by a burglar during the course of a break in. Sole counsel.
- R v F (2020) – A stranger rape by a defendant who sought out a vulnerable victim on New Years Eve, the victim had no recollection of the attack. Sole counsel.

Serious Non-Fatal Violence

- R v Liban Yaryare [2020] 4 W.L.R. 156 – A 23 Defendant prosecution involving allegations of attempted murder, conspiracy to commit violent disorder, and violent disorder. The Court of Appeal gave guidance relating to the circumstances in which police officers can give evidence of recognition by repeatedly viewing CCTV evidence.

Appointments

- Treasury Counsel Monitree (March 2024)
- Recorder (May 2023)
- CPS Advocate Panel – General Crime Grade 4, Fraud (level 3), Serious Crime (level 3), Counter Terrorism (level 3), RASSO panel member.

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 & Regulatory

Selected Cases

Drugs Cases

- R v M and others (2022) – leading the prosecution in a multi-handed Class A drug dealing conspiracy in Gainsborough, Lincolnshire, with evidence from test purchase officers.
- R v H and others (2022) – leading the prosecution in a multi-handed Class A drug dealing conspiracy with associated allegations of modern slavery offences.

Serious Non-Fatal Violence

- R v B (2022) – An allegation of attempted murder by stabbing of a female in a public street as she walked home from work.
- R v B (2022) – An attempted murder and rape of a female by a male defendant with a previous conviction for murder in a foreign jurisdiction.
- R v T (2022) – An allegation of attempted murder by strangulation of a prison inmate by another prisoner.
- R v G and 2 others (2021) – An attempted murder by shooting in which the victim was shot in the chest with a shot gun at close range on a caravan site. The prosecution was based on a circumstantial case involving of CCTV, mobile telephone and ANPR evidence after no eye witnesses (including the victim) were prepared to give evidence.

Other Fatal Offences

- R v A & B (2022) – an allegation of causing death by careless driving involving three vehicles overtaking on an 'A' road.
- R v S (2022) – prosecution of a case of causing death by careless driving involving a driver with only one functioning eye driving into a collision with a pedestrian who was crossing the road when the traffic lights were in favour of the defendant's vehicle.
- R v C & G (2021) – a case of child cruelty which involved the death of a six-week-old child.

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.

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Memberships

- Criminal Bar Association

- Fraud Lawyers Association
- Midland Circuit
- South Eastern Circuit