

Daniel Judd

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Daniel specialises in insolvency and restructuring, including cross-border insolvency and restructuring, as well as commercial litigation and arbitration, company law, banking and finance, civil fraud, and trusts.

Daniel is regularly instructed in high-profile liquidations, administrations, cross-border insolvency cases, special administrations, and stakeholder applications. Daniel's recent instructions have included the **Prax Group** (for the Official Receiver), **London Capital & Finance Plc**, **Claire's Accessories**, **NMC Health**, **Hartley Pensions**, and **IBP Markets**. Daniel appears unled in a wide variety of insolvency and company law applications, including in the High Court, and recently obtained interim freezing relief under the Cross-Border Insolvency Regulations 2006 in **Re Lars Skanvig Bramhelt** [2025] EWHC 43 (Ch).

Daniel has a specialist restructuring practice and his instructions have included **Wilko**, **New Look**, **Travelodge**, **Liberty Steel**, and **National Car Parks**. Daniel was the youngest barrister ranked by [INSOL in its "40 Under 40"](#), and Daniel contributes to *Company Voluntary Arrangements* (2022 OUP) (with Tom Smith KC) and *Company Directors* (2024 OUP).

Daniel is an experienced commercial litigator and has appeared in high-profile commercial trials and cross-border litigation. He acted for the successful claimants in **London Capital & Finance Plc v Thomson & Ors** [2024] EWHC 2894 (Ch) following a 20-week trial (led by Stephen Robins KC). Other highlights include **Greensill/GFG Group** cross-border litigation (led by Alain Choo-Choy KC) and litigation arising out of the sale of the **Force India Formula One Team** [2020] EWHC 3442 (Ch) (led by Jonathan Crow KC). Daniel has extensive experience of worldwide and proprietary freezing orders and other interim relief.

Daniel is ranked as a "rising star" and as "up and coming" for Insolvency in Legal 500 and in Chambers and Partners 2026. Recommendations include: *"an extremely bright and capable barrister who has a remarkable ability to readily analyse and assess complex cases"*; *"an excellent advocate and a clear, concise communicator"*; *"he has a genuine regard for his lay client and goes to great lengths to deliver on their requirements"*; *"he has a passion for the law and that shows in his work product and bedside manner"*; *"highly sought after"*.

Daniel was a Judicial Assistant in the Chancery Division from October 2019 until January 2020.

Daniel obtained a First Class degree in Jurisprudence from Oxford University (joint 3rd in year) and won numerous prizes. He completed an LL.M. at McGill University as a Canada Memorial Foundation scholar. Daniel is fluent in Italian and French.

Insolvency and Restructuring

Recent highlights include:

Restructuring

- ***Re Speciality Steel UK Limited*** [2024] EWHC 3355 (Ch); [2025] EWHC 587 (Ch). High-profile restructuring plan proceedings in relation to one of the largest steel businesses in the United Kingdom and over £600 million of debt (led by Marcus Haywood).
- ***Wilko Group***. Advised in connection with a proposed restructuring of Wilko including by way of a company voluntary arrangement.
- ***New Look***. Advised in connection with the effect of a company voluntary arrangement on the rights of different classes of landlords and related proceedings.
- ***National Car Parks Limited*** [2021] EWHC 1653 (Ch). Restructuring plan proceedings in relation to National Car Parks Limited and its lease portfolio (led by Tom Smith KC).
- Advising a major international airline on a prospective restructuring in England and Wales.
- Advising on stays of creditor debt enforcement proceedings pending the determination of a restructuring plan.

Insolvency

- ***Re Prax Lindsey Oil Refinery***. Daniel is instructed by the Official Receiver and special managers (led by Daniel Bayfield KC and Georgina Peters KC). Advice on issues connected with the security entered into by companies in the Prax Group, and urgent applications to place a further company in the Prax Group into compulsory liquidation.
- ***Re Lars Skanvig Bramhelt*** [2025] EWHC 43 (Ch). Application for without notice interim freezing relief under the Cross-Border Insolvency Regulations 2006 including £2 million of assets in the United Kingdom (as sole counsel).
- ***Re London Capital & Finance Plc*** and ***London Oil & Gas Limited***. Advising the joint administrators in connection with issues arising in the ongoing administrations of companies involved in carrying out a £237 million investment fraud which was the largest Ponzi scheme in British history.
- ***Re Speciality Steel UK Limited***. Applications for validation orders under section 127 of the Insolvency Act 1986 in respect of payments to employees and essential suppliers, in the context of ongoing restructuring plan proceedings (led by Marcus Haywood).
- ***Re a Company***. Application to restrain advertisement of a winding-up petition in respect of a large environmental waste business with revenue of over £50 million.
- ***Re IBP Markets Limited***. Application for special administration order under the Investment Bank (Special Administration) Regulations 2011 for an investment company holding over £650 million in client assets and which was subject to VREQ and OIREQ restrictions imposed by the FCA (led by Adam Al-Attar KC).
- Advising on the assignment of rights to the Financial Services Compensation Scheme following the insolvent administration of a SIPP operator which collapsed following intervention of the FCA (led by Adam Al-Attar KC).
- Advising the administrators of a solvent administration on exiting from administration and the means of effecting distributions to members (led by Felicity Toubé KC).
- Advising directors subject to wrongful trading claims under section 214 of the Insolvency Act 1986, including in connection with settlement of their claims (led by Stephen Robins KC).
- Advising a trustee in bankruptcy on obtaining possession and sale of properties collectively worth in excess of £3.5 million, involving allegations that documents were recent fabrications.

- Application for rescission of a winding-up order based on ongoing investigations by HMRC into the company's claims for tax relief.
 - Application by a liquidator under section 236 of the Insolvency Act 1986 against a former director of a £3 million mini-bond investment company for information and the delivery up of documents.
 - Advising a debtor on the effect of an IVA on claims by a landlord for future rent.
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Banking and Finance

- ***Re Liberty France Industries Pte. Ltd & Anor v Lightship Capital II LLC & Ors.*** Claim by companies in the GFG Alliance claiming relief from forfeiture and damages of over \$800 million following the purported enforcement of security, settled before trial (led by Alain Choo-Choy KC).
 - Advising on the enforceability and scope of security documents governing over \$4 billion of debt, including issues of "extended liens", arising out of the collapse of a large financial services company (led by Daniel Bayfield KC).
 - Advising on proceedings against a bank arising out of the misselling of interest rate hedging products under the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (led by Aidan Casey KC).
 - Advising in connection with urgent injunctive relief following the appropriation of financial collateral by way of shares in a Luxembourg company (led by Alain Choo-Choy KC).
 - Advising on an urgent application for directions under paragraph 74 of Schedule B1 to the Insolvency Act 1986 in connection with the prospective enforcement of security (led by Alain Choo-Choy KC).
 - Advice on interpretation of mortgage-backed securitisation documentation concerning whether a sale of assets by a special servicer was to an 'affiliate' (led by Daniel Bayfield QC).
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Commercial Litigation and Arbitration

- ***London Capital & Finance Plc v Thomson & Ors*** [2024] EWHC 2894 (Ch). Acted for the successful claimants in claims for fraudulent trading, knowing receipt, dishonest assistance, breach of fiduciary duty, and proprietary tracing claims, and in establishing the largest Ponzi scheme in British history following a 20-week trial. The case was ranked as one of *The Lawyer's* [Top 20 cases of 2024](#) (led by Stephen Robins KC).
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- ***Uralkali PJSC v Rowley and Baker*** [2020] EWHC 3442 (Ch). Acted for the successful defendants in dismissing allegations of negligence in a high-profile 3-week trial arising out of the sale of the business of Force India Formula One Team Limited to Lawrence Stroll (led by Jonathan Crow KC).
- Claim for rectification of a share purchase agreement (led by Matthew Abraham).
- Advice on potential multi-million pound damages claim for accounting losses arising out of the collapse of a British multinational company (led by Barry Isaacs KC).

Offshore

- **Primeo v HSBC**: appeal against dismissal of a \$2 billion claim brought by a Madoff feeder fund in the Cayman Islands (assisting William Willson, as pupil).
- **AHAB v SAAD**: appeal in a \$9 billion claim brought in the Cayman Islands by members of the Alghosaibi family against Maan Al Sanea and others (assisting Marcus Haywood).
- Advice on jurisdiction issues connected with the enforceability of English law-governed security in a Cayman Islands liquidation (assisting Charlotte Cooke, as pupil).

Civil Fraud and Asset Recovery

- **London Capital & Finance Plc v Thomson & Ors** [2024] EWHC 2894 (Ch). Acted for the successful claimants in claims for fraudulent trading, knowing receipt, dishonest assistance, breach of fiduciary duty, and proprietary tracing claims, and in establishing the largest Ponzi scheme in British history following a 20-week trial in the Chancery Division of the High Court. The case was one of *The Lawyer's* [Top 20 cases of 2024](#) (led by Stephen Robins KC).
- **London Capital & Finance plc v Spencer Golding**. Application for an urgent receivership order post-judgment against one of the individuals behind the London Capital & Finance Ponzi scheme, in circumstances where worldwide and proprietary freezing orders had apparently been breached (led by Toby Brown).
- **Re IBP Markets Limited**. Application for special administration order under the Investment Bank (Special Administration) Regulations 2011 for an investment company holding over £650 million in client assets and which was subject to VREQ and OIREQ restrictions imposed by the FCA (led by Adam Al-Attar).
- **AB v CD (No 2)** [2023] EWHC 2353 (Ch). Application to vary worldwide and proprietary freezing orders to permit the release of funds for the payment of prospective legal expenses at trial (led by Stephen Robins KC).
- **AB v CD (No 1)** [2023] EWHC 2419 (Ch). Application to vary worldwide and proprietary freezing orders to permit the sale of assets and release of funds for the payment of prospective legal expenses at trial (led by Stephen Robins KC).
- **APW Asset Management Limited**. Claims by liquidators for fraudulent trading against the director of a company which operated a wine investment business, after it was wound up on public interest grounds by the Secretary of State and following an investigation into its affairs under section 447 of the Companies Act 1985 (led by Clara Johnson).
- **Re A**. Advised the CPS Proceeds of Crime Unit in connection with the proprietary interests of certain defendants who had been convicted of multi-million pound money laundering offences, and who were subject to confiscation proceedings under the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (alongside Mark Rainsford KC).
- Advising on proposed claim against an agent for misappropriating monies received by way of freight for the shipment of goods to the United Kingdom (led by Stephen Robins KC).

Company Law

- **Re Waypoint Care Limited**. Application for urgent interim injunction to restrain the

proposed sale of a company's business, in support of an unfair prejudice petition under section 994 of the Companies Act 2006 (appearing unled before Michael Green J).

- Advising shareholders on a proposed application for a just and equitable winding up of a sport and leisure business.
- Advising on defending an unfair prejudice petition presented by a former
- Application by the chairman of a Kuwaiti bank for orders under section 1096 of the Companies Act 2006 to remove factually inaccurate material from the register of companies.
- Advising directors of a liquidated company regarding use of the company name and section 216 of the Insolvency Act 1986.

Trusts and Property

- ***London Capital & Finance Plc v Careless*** [2024] EWHC 1684 (Ch). Application for withdrawal of a unilateral notice based on the meaning of "trust of land" under sections 33 and 34 of the Land Registration Act 2002, and cross-application for a proprietary injunction to freeze a property worth c. £2.25 million.
- Advising the joint administrators of an insolvent travel company on proprietary and *Quistclose* trust claims over €1.24 million paid into the insolvent estate pursuant to Spanish law financial products.
- Advising the Crown Prosecution Service in connection with sham property transactions following the conviction of a number of defendants for money laundering offences.
- Advising a managing agent on proprietary claims in respect of insurance premiums following the liquidation of an agent who marketed and sold insurance policies on their behalf.
- Advising a creditor of a large hotel business on the enforceability of call options in relation to land against a company in administration.

Languages

Daniel is fluent in Italian and French.

Education and Qualifications

2018 Called to the Bar of England and Wales

2017-2018 City University, Bar Professional Training Course

2016-2017 McGill University, LL.M (GPA 3.95/4).

2012-2016 Jesus College, Oxford University, BA Jurisprudence with Law Studies in Europe, First Class (joint 3rd in year)

Scholarships and Prizes

2018	The Michael Mustill Essay Prize (2018)
2018	The Sweet & Maxwell Law Prize for Company Law (City University)
2018	The ICLR Busfield Prize for Opinion Writing (City University)
2017	Postgraduate Scholarship (City University)
2017	The Holt Award (Gray's Inn)
2017	Residential Scholarship, Victoria League (Gray's Inn)
2017	Pilarczyk Graduate Award (McGill University)
2017	Colin Macdonald Award (McGill University)
2016	Canada Memorial Foundation Scholarship (Canada Memorial Foundation)
2016	University Gibbs Book Prize (Oxford University)
2016	Law Faculty Prize, Personal Property (Oxford University)
2016	Davies Prize, shared, for best performance in any subject (Jesus College)
2016	Various prizes for performance in FHS Jurisprudence (Jesus College)
2014	Nikolas Tarling Scholarship (Jesus College)
2014	Open Scholarship (Jesus College)

Interests

Languages, choral singing, squash, cycling, and reading.