

Daniel Jowell QC

YEAR OF CALL: 1995 YEAR OF SILK: 2011

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Practice Overview

Daniel Jowell QC is one of the Bar's foremost silks for both commercial law and competition law.

He is listed across multiple categories of the legal directories, in which he has recently been described as "[a]n excellent barrister and courtroom advocate with great judgement and a very attractive advocacy style" (Legal 500, 2021), and as "a superb intellect, ... user-friendly and responsive...Amazing in court, great in hearings and incredibly thorough" (Chambers & Partners, 2021). His practice spans all aspects of commercial law and competition law, including commercial judicial review.

He is particularly known for his experience in multi-jurisdictional commercial disputes involving conflicts of law or foreign law and has extensive experience in the energy (oil, gas & electricity) sectors and in joint venture disputes. He is a veteran of a number of the heavy-weight commercial disputes in the High Court of recent years, and was part of the team that acted for Mr Abramovich in his dispute with Mr Berezovsky. He has also appeared in a number of major international commercial arbitrations.

In addition to his commercial practice, Daniel Jowell QC is known as "one of the best competition silks around" (Chambers and Partners 2016). He has been instructed on most of the major competition law damages actions of recent years and in a number of challenges to the decisions of regulators, including those of the OFT and the Competition Commission (now the CMA). He was winner of the Chambers and Partners award of Competition law "Silk of the Year" for 2015/2016.

Commercial

Daniel practises in all aspects of Commercial law and has acted in a number of the major commercial

cases of recent years. Notable reported cases include:

- *The Public Institution for Social Security v Al Rajaan & Ors* [2020] EWHC 2979 (Comm)
- *SCOR SE v Barclays Bank Plc* [2020] EWHC 133 (Comm)
- *JSC Commercial Bank Privatbank v Kolomoisky & Ors* [2019] EWCA Civ 1708 (Court of Appeal)
- *Merinson v Yukos International UK BV* [2019] EWCA Civ 830 (Court of Appeal)
- *United Company Rusal Plc v Crispian Investments Ltd* [2018] EWHC 2415 (Comm)
- *Great Station Properties SA & Anor v UMS Holding Ltd & Ors* [2017] EWHC 3330 (Comm)
- *UMS Holding Limited v Great Station Properties* [2017] EWHC 2398 (Comm)
- *IPM Energy Trading Ltd v Carillion Energy Services Ltd* [2017] EWHC 1399 (Comm)
- *Peretz Winkler v Angela Shamoon* [2016] EWHC 2017 (Ch)
- *Peak Hotels And Resorts Limited v Tarek Investments Limited & Ors* [2016] EWHC 333 (Ch)
- *Georgian American Alloys Inc v White & Case LLP* [2014] EWHC 94 (Comm)
- *Cherney v Deripaska* (2013)
- *Berezovsky v Abramovich* [2012] EWHC 2463 (Comm)
- *Berezovsky v Hine & Ors* [2011] EWHC 1716 (Ch)
- *Berezovsky v Abramovich* [2011] EWHC 1143 (Comm)
- *Berezovsky v Abramovich* [2011] EWCA Civ 153 (Court of Appeal)
- *Butters v BBC Worldwide Ltd* [2009] EWCA Civ 1160 (Court of Appeal)
- *Friis v Colburn* [2009] EWHC 903 (Ch)
- *Yugraneft v Roman Abramovich* [2008] EWHC 2613 (Comm)
- *Sibir Energy Plc v Roman Abramovich, Sibneft* (Court Of Appeal, Eastern Caribbean, 2006)
- *Heath Lambert Ltd v Corretaje de Seguros (No.2)* [2006] 2 Lloyd's Rep 551
- *Legal & General Assurance Society Ltd v Thomas*, [2006] EWHC 1770 (Ch)
- *Riyad Bank & Ors v Ahli United Bank (uk) Plc* [2006] EWCA Civ 780 (Court of Appeal)
- *Heath Lambert Ltd v Sociedad de Corretaje de Seguros*, [2005] 1 Lloyd's Rep 597 (Court of Appeal)
- *Days Medical Aids Ltd v Pihsiang Machinery Manufacturing Co Ltd* [2004] 1 All ER 991 (Comm)
- *Nelson Group Services (Maintenance) Ltd v BG Plc* [2002] EWCA Civ 547 (Court of Appeal)
- *Groupama Insurance Company Ltd v Overseas Partners Re Ltd* [2002] EWHC 34 (Comm)
- *Sphere Drake and Alexander Howden v Orion Insurance* [2001] Lloyd's Rep 1 (Court of Appeal)
- *Walkinshaw v Diniz* [2002] 2 Lloyd's Rep 165 (Court of Appeal)
- *The Indian Endurance (No. 2)* [1997] 3 WLR 818 (House of Lords)

Competition

Daniel has an academic background in both EU law and economics. He has appeared in a number of the landmark competition law cases of recent years, with particular experience in numerous cartel damages actions. He has also acted in a number of claims relating to EU law including for the restitution of tax paid contrary to EU law. Reported cases include:

- *OT Computers Limited (in liquidation) v Infineon Technologies AG and Micron Europe Limited* [2021] EWCA (Civ) 501
- *Facebook Ireland Ltd v the European Commission* (Case T-451/20 R)
- *Granville Technology Group Ltd v Infineon Technologies AG* [2020] EWHC 415 (Comm)
- *AB Volvo (Publ) & Ors v Ryder Ltd & Ors* [2020] EWCA Civ 1475
- *Iiyama (UK) Ltd v Samsung Electronics Co Ltd* [2018] EWCA Civ 220
- *ABF Ltd v Recticel NV/SA* [2017] EWHC 3610 (Ch)
- *Vodafone Group Services Ltd & v Infineon Technologies AG* [2017] EWHC 1383 (Ch)
- *Sainsbury's Supermarkets Ltd v Visa Europe Services LLC & Anor* [2017] EWHC 3047 (Comm)
- *Iiyama Benelux BV & Ors v Schott AG* [2016] EWHC 1207 (Ch)
- *Emerald Supplies Ltd v British Airways* [2015] EWHC 2201 (Ch)
- *Arcadia Group Brands Limited v Visa Inc* [2014] EWHC 3561 (Comm)
- *Emerald Supplies Ltd v British Airways Plc* [2014] EWHC 3514 (Ch)
- *Cooper Tire & Rubber Company Europe Ltd v Dow Deutschland* [2014] EWHC 1578 (Comm)
- *HMRC v Philips Electronics UK Ltd* (Case C-18/11)
- *AstraZeneca v Commission* (Case C- 457/10 P)
- *Nokia Corporation v AU Optronics Corporation* [2012] EWHC 731 (Ch)
- *HSBC Holdings and BNY v HMRC* [2012] UKFTT 163 (TC)
- *Ryanair v Gatwick Airport* (CAA Decision of 21 May 2011 reported at <http://www.caa.co.uk/docs/5/GH111GALRyanair.pdf>)
- *National Grid Plc v ABB Ltd* [2011] EWHC 1717 (Ch)
- *Competition Commission v BAA Ltd* [2010] EWCA Civ 1097
- *BAA v Competition Commission* [2009] CAT 35
- *HSBC Holdings v HMRC* (Case C-569/07)
- *Cooper Tire v Shell Chemicals* [2009] EWHC 2609 (Comm)
- *Philips Electronics UK Ltd v Revenue & Customs* [2009] UKFTT 226 (TC)
- *R (Cityhook Ltd) v Office of Fair Trading* [2009] EWHC 57 (Admin)
- *AstraZeneca v Commission* (Case T- 321/05)
- *Atheraces v The British Horseracing Board Ltd* [2005] EWHC 3015 (Ch); [2005] EWHC 1553(Ch); [2007] EWCA (Civ) 38
- *Adidas Lawn v Tennis Association* [2006] EWHC 1318 (Ch)
- *Ryanair Ltd v Stansted Airport Ltd* [2004] EWHC 3007
- *Texaco North Sea v Heerema Marine Contractors* (Comm) (2004)
- *Days Medical Aids Ltd v Pihsiang Machinery* [2004] EWHC 44 (Comm)
- *Getmapping Plc v Ordnance Survey* [2002] EWHC 1089 (Ch)

- *Tate & Lyle Plc v European Commission* (Joined Cases T-202/98); *British Sugar Plc -v- European Commission* (Case C-359/01P)
- *R v Intervention Board for Agricultural Produce ex parte British Sugar* (Case C-101/99)

Arbitration

Daniel has appeared as counsel in a number of significant commercial arbitrations over many years, including those governed by L.C.I.A., I.C.C. and ad hoc rules. In 2017, he successfully secured an award for over \$300m in the High Court: *UMS Holding Ltd v Great Station Properties* [2017] EWHC 2398 (Comm).

Qualifications

After obtaining a first class degree in PPE at New College, Oxford, a Frank Knox scholarship to Harvard University and an LLM at the College of Europe (Bruges), Daniel Jowell was called to the Bar in 1995. A tenant at One Essex Court from 1996, he joined Brick Court Chambers in 2005. He was appointed to silk in 2011.

He was called to the Bar of the British Virgin Islands in 2005 and to the Bar of the Republic of Ireland in 2019.

Directory Quotes

Commercial Dispute Resolution

- "An excellent advocate, who offers clear advice, he is outstanding." (The Legal 500 2021)
- "A well-rounded commercial silk, with competition law experience, who has excellent judgement." "He is very responsive, a pleasure to work with and a tenacious advocate." (Chambers & Partners 2021)
- "Up there with the best." (The Legal 500 2020)
- "He's an advocate with a diversity of skills who can handle anything and is both bright and persuasive." (Chambers & Partners UK & Global 2020)
- "Outstanding when it comes to understanding and probing economic evidence." (Chambers & Partners 2020)
- "Daniel Jowell QC is razor sharp and charming." "He's got a very good manner, he produces very good, succinct written opinions, and he's very keen and very proactive." (Chambers & Partners UK & Global 2019)
- "A clear thinking and polished advocate." (The Legal 500 2018)
- "He is a good advocate and a very very bright lawyer." (Chambers and Partners 2017)
- "A superstar in the making." (The Legal 500 2016)
- "Superb, really hard-working, good in court and in cross-examination." (Chambers and Partners 2016)

- "An excellent reputation for competition law and general commercial litigation" (The Legal 500 2015)
- "Instructing solicitors hold him in high regard, praising him as a 'brilliant up-and-coming all-rounder'." (Chambers & Partners 2015)
- "Since taking silk in 2011, Jowell has impressed observers with his commercial law and competition/EU practice. He is a high-quality advocate with strong cross-examination skills and an exceptional attitude to client service." (Chambers & Partners 2014)
- "One of the outstanding junior silks at the Commercial Bar. He is a future mega star." (Chambers & Partners 2014)
- "Sources say his cross-examination and his written work are both excellent." (Chambers & Partners, 2013)

Competition Law

- "He has a superb intellect, and is user-friendly and responsive." "Amazing in court, great in hearings and incredibly thorough." (Chambers & Partners 2021)
- "Exceptionally intellectually able and great at distilling complex arguments into the essential points." (The Legal 500 2021)
- "Daniel has the court's confidence when he delivers his arguments and is good at winning the bench over." "He's also excellent on the economics of competition cases." (Chambers & Partners 2020)
- "Picks up the phone and is able to give an immediate opinion on the case." "You wouldn't have any hesitation about putting him in front of any clients as he's user-friendly and knows his subject matter extremely well." (Chambers & Partners UK & Global 2020)
- "He gets to grips with complex economic evidence, and presents it clearly and persuasively." (The Legal 500 2020)
- Daniel Jowell QC is "a very bright, clear-thinking and strategic advocate" say market commentators, who applaud his "outstanding legal knowledge and impeccable client service". One source adulates, "Daniel is absolutely first class - in my opinion he is the leading litigation QC, and our first pick if we can get him for major cases." (Who's Who Legal - Competition 2019)
- Daniel Jowell QC is highlighted by clients for his "impressive competition law expertise, combined with wide-ranging commercial experience which makes him a real asset in competition damages cases". (Who's Who Legal - UK Bar: Competition 2019)
- "I have been very impressed with his advocacy and his ability to present key points well. He is also very practical in his approach." (Chambers & Partners UK & Global 2019)
- "Extremely strong advocate; he has an excellent strategic mind and a good client manner." (The Legal 500 2018)
- "He is a really excellent advocate. One of the things that he brings to cases is a broader commercial experience." (Chambers & Partners 2017)
- "An excellent advocate with a very sharp mind." (The Legal 500 2017)

- "very popular among his clients" and an acknowledged competition law expert among his peers, who praise his "stunning advocacy skills." (Who's Who Legal, 2016)
- "An esteemed practitioner who climbs the rankings this year after showing his skills in handling some of the most complex mandates of recent times." (Chambers and Partners 2016)
- "He's one of the best competition silks around. He's highly intelligent, has a fantastic manner when dealing with clients and the court and is a pleasure to work with." (Chambers and Partners 2016)
- "The "stellar" Daniel Jowell QC is renowned for his "razor-sharp intellect" and "brilliant manner with clients". Instructing solicitors praise his "first-class" written and cross-examination skills." (Who's Who Legal UK Bar 2015)
- "An excellent reputation for competition law and general commercial litigation" (The Legal 500 2015)
- "A super-bright barrister with an excellent level of responsiveness." (Chambers & Partners 2015)
- "Brings original thinking to the table and is able to stand his ground when challenged." "Has excellent judgement and writes very well." (Chambers & Partners 2014)
- "Since taking silk in 2011, Jowell has impressed observers with his commercial law and competition/EU practice. He is a high-quality advocate with strong cross-examination skills and an exceptional attitude to client service." (Chambers & Partners 2014)
- "Often called upon to represent clients in damages claims. He is recognised for his commercial expertise and praised for his strong drafting skills." (Chambers & Partners 2014)
- "Since taking silk in 2011, Daniel Jowell QC has cemented his position as an excellent choice for those wanting a barrister who is "razor sharp" and "a real joy to work with."" (Chambers & Partners, 2013)

Energy

- "He's a good all-rounder so can see the big picture. He is excellent with clients and his advocacy is good." *Chambers & Partners 2021)
- "An excellent barrister and courtroom advocate with great judgement and a very attractive advocacy style." (The Legal 500 2021)
- Daniel Jowell QC is an "incredibly smooth and persuasive advocate", with a "fantastic" ability in commercial matters. (Who's Who Legal - UK Bar: Energy & Natural Resources 2020)
- "A superb and highly persuasive advocate with an uncanny ability to spot the key issues." (The Legal 500 2020)
- "Daniel is a very sharp intellect who provides excellent, detailed and strategic advice." "He is down to earth and has a good grip on detail." (Chambers & Partners UK & Global 2020)
- Daniel Jowell QC is "a fantastic commercial advocate with a very impressive court style". He is particularly well versed in multi-jurisdictional commercial and joint-venture disputes across the energy sector. (Who's Who Legal - UK Bar: Energy & Natural Resources 2019)

- "Has a remarkable ability to zero in on the most important issues in a case and possesses really great judgement." "He is able to understand complex economic and regulatory issues quickly, and displays great commercial expertise, distilling his advice in a client-friendly way." (Chambers & Partners 2019)
- "Excellent." (The Legal 500 2018)
- "Very client-friendly and commercial. You can go to him with very complex issues and he will come up with something sensible every time." (Chambers & Partners 2018)
- Daniel Jowell QC "really stands out" at the Bar according to sources, who comment, "He is always reasonable, concise and carries the court with him." One respondent effuses: "His advocacy is like poetry in motion." (Who's Who Legal - UK Bar: Energy & Natural Resources 2018)
- "Daniel Jowell QC is a popular choice as lead counsel in major international arbitrations, including two major LCIA arbitrations in the energy sector last year both in excess of \$100 million." (Who's Who Legal - UK Bar: Energy & Natural Resources 2017)
- "An accomplished advocate, who is commercially minded and highly regarded by clients." (The Legal 500 2017)
- "He has a good range of work and can see issues in the wider context. He's very, very good and clients think very highly of him." (Chambers & Partners 2017)
- "Charming and easy to work with." (The Legal 500 2016)
- "Bright and client-friendly, and delivers high-quality work every time." (The Legal 500 2015)
- "charming as an advocate and as an adviser" (Legal 500, 2013)
- "Identified by peers as a fine performer...playing a vital role in the Berezovsky v Abramovich cases." (Chambers & Partners 2013)

EU Law

- "He is super smart, very user-friendly, pragmatic, a real pleasure to deal with and very good on his feet." (Chambers & Partners 2021)
- He is a strong advocate and able to address a senior court on difficult points of law. Very knowledgeable and client friendly. A pleasure to work with." (The Legal 500 2021)
- "A very charming and persuasive advocate." (The Legal 500 2020)
- "Has a fantastic manner with clients, and his advice is very clear and well structured." "He is very generous with his time and is the sort of barrister you can ring up even if not yet in a position to instruct him and he will be really helpful." "The manner in which he expresses himself, in person and in writing, is very clear and easy to follow." (Chambers & Partners 2020)
- "He is very friendly and able to offer pragmatic and accurate advice." (Chambers & Partners 2019)
- "He is exceptional all round." (Chambers & Partners 2017)
- "Great strategic thinker." (The Legal 500 2017)
- "Since taking silk in 2011, Jowell has impressed observers with his commercial law and competition/EU practice. He is a high-quality advocate with strong cross-examination skills and an exceptional attitude to client service." (Chambers & Partners 2014)

- "Brings original thinking to the table and is able to stand his ground when challenged." "Has excellent judgement and writes very well." (Chambers & Partners 2014)

Fraud

- "Good at distilling complex arguments into the essential points; a good team player and charming to deal with." (Legal 500 2021)

Tax

- "He's extremely bright, very commercial and he also has the distinction of being extremely likeable." (Chambers and Partners 2016)
- "His opinions are clear and direct, and he is articulate and impressive in front of clients." (Chambers & Partners 2015)
- "Easy to work with and a man who uses his charm to great effect in court." (Chambers & Partners 2014)
- "viewed by commentators as being someone who is "tipped for the top." "(Chambers & Partners, 2013)

Media & Entertainment

- "A first class intellect, who is good with clients" (The Legal 500 2014)