

Daniel Foster

A very experienced criminal defence advocate and former duty solicitor, crown court litigator and solicitor advocate, with a mixed practice of crime, family and regulatory law (especially sport).



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Overview

Dan Foster is an experienced trial advocate with a good success rate who has received judicial praise for his advocacy, tenacity and ability with a jury. He has a mixed criminal and family practice, and often deals with cases where the two areas of law intersect. He also has a growing regulatory practice (particularly sports) and he also deals with motoring offences.

He is a former duty solicitor, crown court litigator and solicitor advocate who obtained his higher rights of audience in 2011 and has appeared regularly in the crown court ever since.

Dan was born and raised in Sheffield and continues to live here with his family. He has great pride in his home town and strong links to Ingle community boxing project in Wincobank, where he advises and mentors a number of young people.

Called: 2015

Education:

PGDip (Law)
Legal Practice Court

Dan provides clients with accurate advice in a balanced and sensitive manner and his warm, engaging personality fits well with family law clients. I was impressed by his ability to defuse the attitude of a hostile respondent and assist the client in achieving a settled outcome that was thought impossible.

Instructing solicitor

Crime

Dan Foster is a very experienced criminal defence advocate who has been defending clients in criminal proceedings since starting as a paralegal and police station representative at a local law firm in 2004.

He has extensive experience representing defendants for serious offences including murder, rape, child sex abuse and. As a result, he is often sought by instructing solicitors for family law cases which overlap with criminal law.

He is often briefed in cases featuring serious finding-of-fact hearings involving non-accidental injuries to children, rape, and sexual abuse. He has a high success rate in such cases where his background in contested advocacy is considered a benefit.

In addition to Crown Court advocacy, Dan has been instructed pre-charge to defend individuals subject to investigations led by the Serious Fraud Office and National Crime Agency. Dan has also achieved some excellent results at the Court of Appeal, including a notable case where he successfully obtained a reduction in sentence for a man who had seriously assaulted a baby.

Dan has represented many individuals suspected of the most serious offences, including:

- Murder
- Rape
- Child sex abuse
- Chronic child neglect and/or violence to children
- High-value complex fraud

Large-scale drugs conspiracies.

Significant Cases

Crime

R v Saunders [2018] – Represented world champion boxer Billy Joe Saunders in a police investigation for suspected offences of drugs and violence. Dan obtained an excellent result for Mr Saunders: a simple police caution for common assault with no further action taken on the alleged drugs offences. This was reported in the Daily Mail.

R v Elliott [2018] – Achieved an acquittal on all counts for a man charged with sex offences against a minor.

R v L – Mixed verdicts in an exceptional case where the defendant faced allegations of rape and sexual abuse dating back 50 years. The defendant claimed no recollection of the allegations due to brain damage caused by a stroke. The trial featured issues such as a highly vulnerable witness, fitness to plead, and doli incapax.

Family

Dan Foster is an experienced and trusted family advocate with a very busy practice focused on proceedings involving children. As a father himself, Dan feels particularly connected to parents who find themselves entangled in family court proceedings. He brings a thoughtful and sensitive touch to his dealings with clients who have found themselves in such emotionally charged situations.

His caseload is balanced evenly between private and public law proceedings. In public law, he is regularly instructed by both local authorities and respondents, and is considered an effective and reliable choice of

counsel by his large pool of regular instructing solicitors.

I have been pleased to instruct Dan in several Children Act cases, in both private and public law proceedings and also cases with elements of domestic abuse. He has a sound knowledge of the law and is an experienced and skilled advocate.

Instructing solicitor

Significant Cases

Family

B (A Child: Immunisation) [2018] EWFC 56 – In this reported high court vaccinations case, Dan successfully represented a mother in her application for her child to receive routine vaccinations.

DMBC v K – For a local authority in a case including finding of fact regarding non-accidental injuries to a child.

K v S – For a mother in a case including finding of fact regarding historical allegations of child sexual abuse.

R v C – For a father in a case including finding of fact, successfully answering allegations of serious violence and rape.

Regulatory law

Dan Foster has a growing regulatory practice with a current focus on representing athletes. He is also instructed in licensing and regulatory matters (extensively in relation to taxi licenses) and is very keen to develop and widen his regulatory practice, welcoming instructions across the spectrum of regulatory law matters.

As for sport, he is sole legal advisor to the world-famous Ingle boxing gym in Sheffield, and has represented and assisted many professional boxers for criminal and regulatory matters of all kinds.

His many boxing clients have included world champions and challengers such as Kell Brook, Billy Joe Saunders and Kid Galahad (Abdul Bari Awad). Mr Saunders and Mr Awad instruct Dan on an ongoing basis in relation to a various matters. In a very high-profile case, Dan represented Mr Saunders before the British Boxing Board of Control and obtained a good result in enabling his client to avoid suspension from boxing for an infamous incident.

Dan also represented Mr Awad in his successful appeal to United Kingdom Anti Doping (UKAD) for a

reduction in his suspension from boxing due to doping offences. With Dan's assistance, Mr Awad is thought to be the only athlete ever to have achieved such a result whilst maintaining his innocence of any doping offence. This was reported by Sky Sports.

Dan's extensive experience and expertise in criminal law has also allowed him to obtain excellent results for professional sportspersons under investigation from regulatory bodies. Dan successfully represented a professional footballer in a major National Crime Agency investigation into match fixing. Dan's client Stephen Dawson, who was captain of Barnsley Football Club at the time, was released from the investigation with no further action taken against him. This was reported in The Guardian.

Dan also successfully represented a former professional footballer in a Serious Fraud Office investigation. Again, the SFO took no further action.

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Further information

How much will Daniel Foster's services cost?

Daniel mostly works on a fixed-fee basis for the main hearing, with a daily refresher rate for any subsequent date of hearing, although this depends on the type of work you request. If you'd like a quotation for his legal services in a particular matter, please contact our clerk using the details below and we'll be very happy to help. Please also refer to Bank House Chambers' standard terms & conditions.

What might influence the timescales of the services Daniel offers?

Daniel would normally expect to arrange a preliminary conference with your client within 7 days of first contact from you. After that, despite our best intentions, we can't always control timescales or the amount of time we spend on a case. These can be affected by factors such as urgency; complexity; your own (or your client's) availability; Daniel's availability and that of any third parties; the volume of documents he needs to review or must request; and the court's availability.

Can you have confidence in Daniel's work?

He is regulated by the Bar Standards Board.

How can you contact Daniel Foster?

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