

Daniel Kersh

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Daniel is a leading junior in both serious crime and financial crime, consistently ranked by Legal 500.

He has extensive experience prosecuting and defending a wide range of criminal cases, including serious violence, murder, blackmail, sexual offences, large-scale drug conspiracies, kidnap, child cruelty and armed robbery.

In financial crime, Daniel regularly represents individuals, corporations, and government bodies such as the SFO, HMRC, FCA, and CMA. His work includes high-profile cases involving bribery and corruption, money laundering, and fraud, at all stages from investigations to trial. Notable cases include defending an accountant accused of defrauding a former England manager, and representing a co-accused in a multi-million-pound housing benefit fraud case involving several local authorities. These complex matters often have parallel civil proceedings, sometimes involving the High Court.

Prior to joining the Bar, Daniel was a founding partner at a prominent London criminal law firm.

Specialist Areas	
Criminal Defence	Criminal Prosecution
Fraud & Financial Crime	Private Prosecution
Asset Forfeiture and Confiscation	Inquests & Inquiries

Testimonials

> ‘Daniel consistently demonstrates a masterful grasp of the briefs, a highly forensic approach to addressing case issues, a good rapport with clients and compelling advocacy skills.’
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> **Legal 500 2026**

> "Daniel is a tenacious and an all-rounder advocate"

Legal 500 – 2025

Ranked In



Cases

Asset Forfeiture & Confiscation

Regularly instructed in POCA applications and resisting same.

Criminal Defence

R v S – Secured the acquittal of a 76 year old man charged with historic rapes and indecent assaults (6 counts) dating back to the 1970s against three complainants, two of whom were under 13 at the time.

Client Feedback: *“Danny was also amazing. I loved his closing. It was smooth, methodical, and a slow delivered inferno or hurricane. It was small but consistent and at the end, you realize you have been slammed with reasonable facts. I thought it was outstanding and was thought impressed. More importantly, it gave me hope!”*

R v M -Trial of Defendant alleged to have murdered his landlord before dismembering the body and leaving parts scattered around the Home Counties

R v L– Trial of Defendant for providing a firearm for use in a gangland shooting

R v D -Acquittal of Defendant in multi handed drugs conspiracy operating out of tyre workshops in South London

R v B – Successful appeal against conviction of a man convicted (when represented by different Counsel) of anal rape. Challenge to medical evidence led at trial resulted in the conviction being overturned

R v B – Representation of armed robber involved in numerous heists around London

R v W – Represented Defendant in largest ever Class A drug haul in North East England

R v D – Represented Defendant accused with others of kidnap and extortion of Hong Kong businessman

R v A – Represented Defendant (one of 12) accused of robbing inhabitants of s traveller's site in Kent whilst threatening them with guns and knives. Sentence reduced on Appeal

R v J – Successful representation of a Bajan National accused of providing inside knowledge from her position as a cleaner for an elderly couple, to her relatives who then conducted a vicious aggravated burglary in their home. Defendant only one acquitted.

Fraud & Financial Crime

Daniel has experience in advising and defending fraud and related financial offences.

This experience extends to the SFO, HMRC and CPS specialist fraud units as well as advising clients facing FCA and CMA investigations.

Daniel's clients frequently face criminal matters complicated by parallel civil proceedings.

Professional Memberships

- Member of Middle Temple
- Member of South Easter Circuit Bar Mess

Awards, Qualifications & Other

- LLB, LLM; Diploma in Sports Law
- Grade 4 CPS Counsel

Direct Access

Daniel Kersh 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 directly 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 directly to barristers under the Bar Council's Licensed Access Scheme. For more information please visit our Direct Access page here.