

## Daniel Calder

Year of Call: 2008



Daniel is an experienced trial advocate and regularly prosecutes and defends serious and complex criminal cases in the Crown Court. His practice covers serious violent and sexual offences, including murder, manslaughter, causing death by dangerous driving, inflicting grievous bodily harm with intent, rape, sexual assault, armed robbery, firearms, arson, fraud and cases involving the large-scale importation, production and supply of drugs.

Daniel has a particular specialism in criminal appeals, having spent 18 months in employed practice at the Court of Appeal (Criminal Division), providing legal support and advice to the Registrar of Criminal Appeals and the senior judiciary. He has worked on high-profile reported criminal conviction and sentence appeals of the utmost seriousness, up to and including murder, invoking highly technical and complex principles of appellate law. He has an insider's knowledge and experience of the practice of the Court of Appeal (Criminal Division) and has been assigned by the Registrar to appear on behalf of unrepresented litigants at the Court of Appeal.

Daniel is instructed as leading and as led junior counsel in serious cases across the spectrum, including murder, high-value white collar crime and allegations of non-recent sexual offending. He co-defended in the UK's first prosecution for Film Tax Credit fraud, a complex and high-profile conspiracy attracting international media coverage.

He is appointed as a Level 4 prosecutor on the Crown Prosecution Service Advocate Panel and has been appointed to the Crown Prosecution Service Advocate Panel Rape and Serious Sexual Abuse List.

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### Education

University: University of Manchester  
School of Law: Manchester Metropolitan University  
Qualifications:

- LL.B. (Hons) First Class;
- M.A. International Politics (International Relations);
- Postgraduate Diploma in Legal Practice (BVC)

### AWARDS

Lord Denning Scholarship (Lincoln's Inn)  
RG Lawson Senior Legal Scholarship (University of Manchester)  
RW Stead Scholarship (University of Manchester)  
RG Lawson Prize for Criminal Justice (University of Manchester)

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### Notable Cases

**R v K** (2026), Manchester Minshull Street

Led Defence counsel in murder trial concerning death of a child under 16.

**R v B** (2026), Manchester Minshull Street

Defence counsel in case concerning causing death by careless driving while unfit through drugs.

**R v M** (2026), Manchester Minshull Street

Defence counsel in case concerning allegations of blackmail, arson with intent to endanger life and supplying controlled drugs.

**R v S** (2025), Manchester Crown Court

Leading prosecution counsel in trial concerning historic sexual intra-familial offending involving multiple complainants.

**Operation Watersong** (2025), Preston Crown Court

Prosecution counsel in conspiracy to assist unlawful immigration and bribery case, involving a Home Office employee soliciting bribes to grant asylum claims.

**R v G** (2025), Manchester Crown Court

Defence counsel in trial concerning historic sexual allegations by four complainants.

**R v M** (2025), Manchester Minshull Street

Defence counsel in trial concerning historic and recent sexual allegations by two complainants.

**Operation Ashencold** (2024), Manchester Minshull Street

Leading prosecution counsel in nine-handed conspiracy to assist unlawful immigration.

**Operation Diner** (2024), Bolton Crown Court

Prosecution counsel in five-handed conspiracy to supply multi-hundreds of kilograms of cannabis.

**Operation Tagula** (2023), Minshull Street Crown Court

Leading prosecution counsel in eight-handed conspiracy to supply Class A drugs across the Northwest.

**R v C** (2023), Bolton Crown Court

Prosecution counsel in trial involving a campaign of gunpoint rapes.

**R v P (Operation Brunswick) (2022)**, Manchester Minshull Street Crown Court

Leading prosecution counsel in trial involving charges of historic sexual abuse against nineteen complainants

**R v H (Operation Pleso) (2021)**, Manchester Minshull Street Crown Court

Prosecution counsel in manslaughter trial.

**Operation Bengal (2021)**, Manchester Crown Court

Led prosecution counsel in three-handed murder trial.

**R v M (2021)**, Manchester Crown Court

Defence counsel in multi-handed trial involving charges of historic sexual abuse and child cruelty.

**Operation Feline** (2021), Bolton Crown Court

Prosecution counsel in four-handed conspiracy to burgle involving the targeting of numerous domestic addresses and the theft of high value motor vehicles.

**Operation Daunt (2020)**, Carlisle Crown Court

Led prosecution counsel in two-handed murder trial.

**R v A (2020)**, Preston Crown Court

Defence counsel in case of causing death by dangerous driving.

**Operation Felix (2020)**, Manchester Crown Court

Led prosecution counsel in trial of youth accused of murder.

**R v E (2020)**, Manchester Crown Court

Prosecution counsel in case of causing death by dangerous driving.

**R v B (2020)**, Manchester Crown Court  
Defence counsel in seven-handed case involving multiple allegations of violent robberies.

**Operation Merope (2019 - 21)**, Preston Crown Court  
Led prosecution counsel in seventeen-handed conspiracy involving allegations of fraud, arson and perverting the course of public justice.

**R v S (2019)**, Manchester Crown Court  
Prosecution counsel in trial involving allegations of encouraging the rape of a baby.

**R v M (2019)**, Minshull Street Crown Court  
Prosecution counsel in trial involving vulnerable young adults and allegations of arson with intent to endanger life.

**R v Shuttleworth [2019] EWCA Crim 333; [2019] WLUK 577**, Court of Appeal  
Successful appeal against sentence in respect of a teenager of hitherto good character.

**Operation Gamber (2018/19)**, Minshull Street Crown Court  
Led prosecution counsel in thirteen-handed conspiracy to supply commercial quantities of class A drugs through the North-West and Midlands.

**Operation Rumford (2018)**, Manchester Crown Court  
Prosecution counsel in eight-handed conspiracy to steal trial involving the theft of hundreds of thousands of pounds from NHS Hospital car parks.

**R v Khan [2018] EWCA Crim 1472; [2018] 2 Cr App R**, Court of Appeal  
Prosecution counsel in reported authority on the principles to apply in the consideration of Criminal Behaviour Orders.

**R v I (2018)** Leeds Crown Court  
Defence counsel in trial concerning the alleged rape of a passenger by a taxi driver.

**R v P (2018)** Leicester Crown Court  
Defence counsel in prosecution of a defendant of good character for an offence of section 18 inflicting grievous bodily harm involving life-changing injury.

**R v Jackson [2017] EWCA Crim 1721; [2017] 10 WLUK 388**, Court of Appeal  
Instructed by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals to represent appellant in appeal against sentence in respect of section 18 wounding.

**R v W (2017)** Manchester Crown Court  
Defence counsel in case involving aggravated burglary and section 18 wounding with intent.

**R v A (2017)** Manchester Crown Court  
Defence counsel in case involving a campaign of sexual assaults at knifepoint across Manchester city centre.

**R v S & Others (Operation Skybolt) (2014)** Manchester Minshull Street Crown Court  
Prosecution counsel in trial concerning the supply of 22kg (£6.5m) of heroin between London and Manchester, reported nationally as one of Greater Manchester Police's largest ever drugs seizures.

**R v AB & Others (Operation Neutrino) (2013-14)** Manchester Minshull Street Crown Court  
Prosecution counsel in nine-handed conspiracy to produce and supply commercial quantities of cannabis across the Greater Manchester area.

**R v AZ (2014)** Manchester Minshull Street Crown Court  
Prosecution counsel in trial concerning £1m heroin importation.

**R v S & Others (2013)** Southwark Crown Court  
Led defence junior in the UK's first prosecution trial for Film Tax Credit fraud, a complex and high profile conspiracy attracting international media coverage.

**R v PK (2012)** Manchester Crown Court  
Led prosecution junior in trial of 37 historic allegations of rape and sexual abuse against six complainants.

**R v B (2011)** Chester Crown Court

Led defence junior in a complex, high value money laundering case involving an international prostitution ring.

