

Danielle St Clair

2021

**Practice Areas** 

Civil

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# **Summary**

Danielle was called to the bar in 2021 by the Honourable Society of Gray's Inn. She is an Ann Goddard Scholar and was awarded the Nottingham Law School Dean's List Scholarship for Outstanding Achievement. She joined KCH Garden Square's Civil Team in June 2023 after having completed a Criminal and Regulatory pupillage at a local Midlands set. Prior to moving to KCH, Danielle enjoyed a busy practice prosecuting and defending a wide range of offences in both the Magistrates and Crown Court, obtaining CPS Grade 2 Panel Membership, as well as conducting a wide range of civil applications on behalf of local constabularies.

Danielle is regularly instructed to act on behalf of Local Authorities and Police Services across the Midlands in respect of a range of Civil applications. She has significant experience dealing with a variety of protective and prohibitive orders including Domestic Violence Protection Orders, Stalking Protection Orders; Sexual Harm Prevention Orders, Closure Orders, Anti-Social Behaviour Injunctions, and Community Protection Notice Appeal Hearings. Additionally, Danielle conducts hearings relating to Account Freeing Orders and Cash Seizure and Forfeiture under the Proceeds of Crime Act.

Danielle is developing a broad Civil practice, with a particular focus on Housing and Anti-Social Behaviour, Animal Law and Commercial work.

## **Professional Experience**

### **Housing & Anti-Social Behaviour**

Danielle provides advice and representation in respect of both private and social housing possession claims. Acting for both Landlord and Tenants, Danielle conducts both preliminary hearings and trials in claims for possession of land, in particular those which are complicated by allegations of anti-social behaviour and technical defences. Danielle accepts instructions both to conduct advocacy and for the provision of advice and written pleadings.

Danielle has significant experience acting for the Police and Local Authorities in both application hearings and breach proceedings relating to anti-social behaviour of all kinds. Danielle accepts instructions in respect of injunctions, committals and other orders pursuant to the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014..

### **Animal Law**

Danielle's practice involves legal work surrounding animals and animal welfare, both in an advisory capacity – taking part in research projects surrounding animal welfare legislation and its enforcement, and as an advocate – prosecuting on behalf of the RSPCA and Local Authorities for offences relating to animal cruelty and neglect.

Danielle also has experience of acting for Local Authorities in cases involving animal breeding licences and associated Regulations.

Danielle is a member of A-law (UK Centre for Animal Law), a member of the associated Animal Lawyers Network and welcomes instructions surrounding animals and animal law.



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### **Civil and Regulatory Remedies in the Criminal Courts**

Danielle regularly represents the Claimant in Forfeiture and Condemnation proceedings relating to importation of goods that fall under the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES)

Danielle has a busy Police practice, dealing with Domestic Violence Protection Orders; Stalking Protection Orders; Sexual Harm Prevention Orders; Firearms Licensing; Closure Orders and Community Protection Notice (CPN) Appeal Hearings.

Danielle accepts instructions from Local Authorities to apply for Closure Orders and to represent Local Authorities at CPN Appeal hearings.

#### Commercial

Danielle is developing a practice in commercial law, largely involving disputes regarding contracts for the sale of goods and/or services. She is available for instructions for advice, pleadings, and representation at hearings and trials.

## **Background & Interests**

Prior to studying law, Danielle read English with History (Joint Honours) at Nottingham Trent University, going on to complete a Graduate Diploma in Law alongside her employment as a paralegal. Danielle completed her Barrister's Training Course (BTC) at Nottingham Law School, thereafter completing the LLM, achieving a Distinction.

During her time at university, Danielle worked extensively in the Nottingham Law School Legal Advice Centre as a Lead Advisor and a Free Representation Unit Advocate, appearing in the Social Security Tribunal. Danielle was a member of Student Pro Bono Committee and President of the Mooting Club.

Danielle now regularly returns to Nottingham Law School and other local universities to judge advocacy competitions and takes part in careers talks aimed at those considering a career at the Bar.

