



GARDEN COURT CHAMBERS

# Danielle Manson

YEAR OF CALL: 2016



Danielle joined chambers in 2020 and represents defendants in all areas of criminal law and associated work. She has particular expertise in representing children and young people and is known for being extremely personable as well as technically and strategically astute.

If you would like to get in touch with Danielle please contact the clerking team:

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## CRIMINAL DEFENCE

Danielle has a wealth of experience across the general crime spectrum, having represented defendants charged with serious violence, the supply and production of drugs and firearms offences and has already undertaken work beyond her call. She is an advocate who can be relied upon completely and always delivers in an outstanding and detailed way.

## YOUTH JUSTICE & CHILD RIGHTS

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Danielle is committed to providing high quality, accessible representation to children within the criminal justice system. She has an affable approach and is adept at explaining complex issues and arguments in a clear and simple way.

She has a wealth of experience in both the Youth and Crown Court, defending children who are charged with offences across the general crime spectrum. She has particular expertise in representing children who are the victims of modern slavery, especially those who have been exploited as part of county lines drug dealing.

Danielle also sits on JUSTICE's racial disparity in the Youth Justice system working party and is a contributing author to the Youth Justice Legal Centre's legal updates.

## PROTEST LAW

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Danielle has extensive experience of representing individuals charged with criminal offences arising out of protests, including but not limited to the Extinction Rebellion uprisings, the Stop the Arms Fair campaign and the Black Lives Matter movement. She is committed to upholding convention rights and holding the state and police to account.

Danielle is also a committee member of 'Black Protest Legal Support' ('BPLS') which was formed following the death of George Floyd in America, and has been responsible for training and co-ordinating over 100 barristers and solicitors as Legal Observers.

Danielle also contributed to a [recent piece for British Vogue](#) which outlined legal rights whilst protesting.

## INQUESTS AND INQUIRIES

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Danielle is currently developing expertise in representing bereaved families in inquests and inquiries and has a marked interest in cases concerning deaths in prison and police custody. Her experience as a criminal practitioner means she is particularly well placed to navigate the legal issues that arise in cases of this nature and in presenting matters before a jury.

## BACKGROUND

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Prior to commencing pupillage Danielle worked at law reform charity JUSTICE as their criminal justice policy intern where her research contributed to JUSTICE's intervention in the Supreme Court case of R (on the application of Hallam) and R (on the application of Nealon) v Secretary of State for Justice [2019] UKSC 2 in relation to the statutory provisions governing eligibility for compensation for miscarriages of justice.

Whilst studying law at university, Danielle also managed the Innocence Project; working on a range of criminal appeals and applications to the Criminal Cases Review Commission ('CCRC'). In recognition of her commitment to the project, she was nominated for the Chancellor's Medal upon graduation and continues to sit on the CCRC's Stakeholder Forum as an established practitioner.

## TRAINING AND SEMINARS

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17 December 2020 - [Danielle chaired 'Report Launch: The Impact of Covid-19 on POC & Migrant Frontline Workers'](#)

27 October 2020 - [Danielle spoke at the University of Manchester's event 'Magistrates' Courts, Evidence and Miscarriages of Justice'](#)

22 September 2020 - Danielle spoke at the Garden Court Criminal Defence Team's webinar '[Drill Music Injunctions and Ancillary Orders](#)', part 3 of the series 'Drill music, gangs and prosecutions – challenging racist stereotypes in the criminal justice system'

21 August 2020 - [Danielle spoke at the Closing Keynote, alongside Professor Leslie Thomas QC, of the Young Lawyers Making Change conference](#)

27 July 2020 - [Danielle spoke, alongside MP David Lammy, on 'Protecting equality during a national crisis' at the Public Law Project conference](#)

23 June 2020 - Danielle spoke at the Garden Court Protest Law Team's webinar '[Know your rights: Kettles and facial recognition](#)'

19 May 2020 - Danielle spoke at CBA's social mobility event 'Your Route to the Bar'.

5 May 2020 - Danielle spoke at Garden Court's webinar '[Children in the criminal justice system: Video link hearings and child defendants](#)

## AWARDS

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Bursary Award for Excellence in Advocacy (Criminal Bar Association)

Lord Denning Scholarship (The Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn)

JUSTICE Internship Award (Kalisher Trust)

## APPEARANCES

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Danielle is regularly approached by members of the press and asked to comment on issues concerning the criminal justice system. She has appeared on Radio 4's Law in Action, the BBC Sunday Politics Show and featured in pieces written for the Financial Times and the Times.

[BBC Radio 4 Law in Action, on 'Raising the Bar?' with Joshua Rozenberg \(June 2019\)](#)

[The Financial Times Magazine: Justice for all? Inside the legal aid crisis \(September 2018\)](#)

[The Times: The Changing face of the Modern Bar \(November 2018\)](#)

## EDUCATION

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BPTC, the College of Law (Very Competent)

LLB Law, the University of Sheffield (2.1)

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

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Criminal Bar Association Social Mobility Committee

Young Barristers Committee

Bar Council Social Mobility Advocate

Young Legal Aid Lawyers

The Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn

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