



**Year of Call**

2003  
Qualified as a solicitor 1999

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## Daniel Dodd

### Introduction

Daniel is a child law specialist and is instructed in complex and sensitive cases. Daniel brings to his work an intuitive knowledge of both the law and children generally. Daniel has a detailed technical knowledge of procedure and principle. Daniel is regularly involved in complex injury cases involving multiple fractures, head injury, life threatening acts and fatalities. Daniel is a strong and direct advocate and will always endeavour to focus on the most relevant issues.

Daniel has an excellent ability to interact, co-operate and work with individuals from varied backgrounds and experiences. Daniel has well used skills in representing individuals with learning difficulties and other limitations. In this context Daniel is able to empathise and most effectively represent his client's interests.

Daniel brings to his work an intuitive knowledge not only of the law but of children generally. Daniel has a large young family and understands, from his own practical experience, the many challenges that looking after children can present.

### Career History:

Daniel was called to the Bar in 2003, previously having qualified as a solicitor in 1999. Daniel read law at the University of Wales in Aberystwyth and was educated in north Wales where he continues live with his family. Prior to qualifying Daniel worked as a legal researcher and has excellent legal research skills.

### Recent cases, both reported and of interest:

SC v E- [2013] Macur J- Daniel was led by Gwynneth Knowles QC (as she then was) in this complex High Court case involving fabricated and induced illness and the intentional poisoning of a child with insulin.

W& P- [2015] Hayden J- Daniel was junior counsel in this long running High Court case where allegations of life threatening acts against two children were made. In addition complex radiological evidence was considered leading to no findings being made against Daniel's client.

Re S [2015] Keehan J- In this case Daniel represented the children where the Judge refused to re-open findings that a Mother, a litigant in person, had fabricated and induced illness in her daughter.

FCC v T [2012] Moor J- Daniel represented the Local Authority in care proceedings where a child had suffered fractures and burns. There were 14 possible perpetrators, many of whom were litigants in person. Daniel was responsible for the complex case management and conduct of a lengthy hearing with many witnesses.

F v P [2012] - Daniel represented an intervener in care proceedings through the Official Solicitor who had profound learning difficulties. Daniel's client was giving oral evidence to support allegations of sexual assault by a family member. This case was very sensitive and involved specialist skills and understanding of individuals with learning difficulties in the most serious of circumstances.

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**Education:**

University of Wales, Aberystwyth, LL.B (Hons)  
BPP Law School London, College of Law, Chester

**Appointments:**

Deputy District Judge – Wales Region, 2010, Family & Civil jurisdiction  
Daniel was approved to hear private law children cases in 2013. In this context Daniel has heard many cases with litigants in person, cases involving rule 16.4 Guardians, non-accidental injuries and cases with local authority involvement.

**Memberships and Associations:**

Family Law Bar Association  
British Association for Adoption and Fostering

**Languages:**

Conversational Italian