# Daniel Crowley

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Daniel Crowley is a very experienced barrister. He has fought dozens of cases to trial and argued a number of cases in the Court of Appeal.

Daniel specialises in insurance, construction and engineering, professional liability, product liability/property damage, commercial litigation and arbitration.

# **Expertise**

### Insurance

Daniel Crowley acts in all aspects of commercial insurance including insurance claims, coverage issues, policy construction, misrepresentation, non-disclosure, breach of warranty, estoppel, waiver and reservation of rights, co-insurance and ICOBS/Insurance Conduct of Business Sourcebook. He has a particular expertise in insurance fraud. He also acts for and against brokers as part of his professional negligence practice. He lectures on insurance issues especially insurance fraud.

# **Construction & Engineering**

He has experience in delay and disruption claims and defect claims and all aspects of construction adjudications and arbitrations. He has particular expertise in claims arising under the Defective Premises Act

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### **Product Liability & Property Damage**

He has expertise in all areas of product liability / property damage / recovery claims including damage caused by defective products, fires, explosions, floods, tree roots, heave, landslip, vibrations and defective building work. By reason of his insurance expertise, he has particular expertise and experience of claims on insurance policies in respect of property damage.

### Professional Liability & Negligence

Acting for and against solicitors, accountants, auditors, financial advisers, valuers, surveyors, engineers, architects and other construction professionals and insurance brokers.

### **Commercial Dispute Resolution**

Wide range of commercial litigation with particular experience in sale of goods including international sale of goods; carriage of goods including CMR Convention and RHA terms; jurisdiction disputes; freezing (Mareva) injunctions; and Company Director Disqualification proceedings.

### Arbitration, International Arbitration & Projects

Daniel Crowley is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and a Chartered Arbitrator. He is on the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators Arbitration Panel. He is a Founding Member of California Arbitration (Cal Arb).

#### Advocate

He is regularly instructed as an advocate in arbitrations. He advises and appears in Court on appeals from arbitration awards: see, for example, Crest Nicholson (Eastern) Ltd v Mr and Mrs Western [2008] 1 BLR 426; (2008) 119 Con LR 18; (2008) CILL 2599 and arbitration applications.

#### **Arbitrator**

He also sits as an arbitrator. He has sat as an arbitrator on appointments from the CIArb including international arbitrations:

- Dispute over funds in an escrow account following a share sale.
- Arbitration arising from a public body' termination of its contract with a solicitors' firm.
- Dispute between a solicitors' firm and an ATE insurer.

| Notable Arbitration, International Arbitration & Projects cases  |
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| Substantial LCIA arbitration on international tank containers (instructed by Laytons).   |
| Claim arising from a fire on the roof of commercial premises (instructed by Plexus Law).   |
| Acted for Claimant South American Company, in a cross-border contractual claim in an international arbitration heard at IDRC in London. He led David Thomas of 2TG (instructed by Fischer & Schickendantz, Uruguay). |
| Acted for international energy and process contractor in an ICC arbitration on claim for variations and delay and disruption arising from a power station project (instructed by DWF).                               |
| Acted for international energy and process contractor in an ICC arbitration on a conversion from a coal fired power station to biomass in France, including Court applications in the UK (instructed by DWF).        |
| Acted for a European supplier of pharmaceutical tablet presses in an ICC arbitration brought by a Middle Eastern pharmaceutical company (instructed by Kennedys).  |
| Significant Cases  |
| Vainker and another v (1) Marbank Construction Ltd; (2) M&M and (3) SCD Architects Ltd [2024] EWHC 667 (TCC) [2024] All ER (D) 40  |
| Pickett v Balkind [2022] EWHC 2226 (TCC); [2022] 4 W.L.R. 88; [2022] BLR Plus 43   |
| Elliott v Hattens Solicitors, [2021] EWCA Civ 720; [2022] 1 All ER 635; [2021] WLR(D) 292; [2021] P.N.L.R. 25  |
| 2 Entertain Video Ltd and Others v Sony DADC Europe Ltd [2020] EWHC 972 (TCC);   |

| [2021] 1 All E.R. 527; [2021] 1 All E.R. (Comm) 936; (2020) 190 Con. L.R. 145; [2020] 4<br>WLUK 251   |
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| Actavo UK Ltd v Doosan Babcock Ltd (2017) 177 ConLR 77  |
| BPT Ltd v Patterson (CLCC TCC) (2016) Lawtel Document No. AC0153059   |
| Rendlesham Estates plc and Others v Barr Limited [2015] 1 WLR 3663; [2015] BLR 37, [2015] TCLR 1; (2015) 157 Con LR 147; [2015] CILL 3604; [2014] All ER (D) 47 (Dec) |
| Hufford v Samsung Electronics (UK) Ltd [2014] BLR 633   |
| Robbins v LB Bexley [2012] LLR 976; [2012] All ER (D) 106 (Aug) (Edwards-Stuart J); [2014] BLR 11, [2013] All E R (D) 177 (Court of Appeal)                           |
| Khan and Khan v (1) London Borough of Harrow; and (2) Helen Sheila Kane [2013] BLR 611; [2013] All ER (D) 32; [2013] CILL 3421  |
| Zennstrom and Another v Fagot and Others (2013) 147 Con LR 162, [2013] All ER (D) 287 (Feb), (2013) 30 BLM 46   |
| Denness and Another v East Hampshire District Council [2012] All ER (D) 307 (Oct)   |
| Kamenou and another (t/a Regency Developments) v Pariser and others [1999] 2 All ER 764; [1999] BLR 72; [1999] 2 Costs LR 117; [1999] All ER (D) 24                   |
| Berent v Family Mosaic Housing [2012] BLR 488, [2012] CILL 3213, [2012] All ER (D) 182 (Jul)  |
| Foster and Another v Stojanovski [2011] All E R (D) 157   |
| Jenson and Jenson v Faux [2011] 1 WLR 3038; [2011] WLR (D) 133; The Times Law Reports   |

26.04.11; [2011] TCLR 4, [2011] HLR 30, [2011] P&CR 191, [2011] CILL 3025, [2011] NPC 42, [2011] All ER (D) 128 (Apr) Bole and Van Den Haak v (1) Huntsbuild Ltd and (2) Richard Money (t/a Richard Money Associates) [TCC] (2009) 124 Con LR 1; [2009] WLR (D) 98; [2009] All E R (D) 195; (2009) CILL 2697; 153 (120) SJLB 27; [CA] [2009] EWCA Civ 1146; (2010) 127 Con LR 154; [2010] ALL E R (D) 84; (2010) 27 BLM 34 Porter v Zurich Insurance Company Ltd. (High Court QBD, Liverpool DR 2009, Coulson J) [2010] Lloyd's Rep IR 373; [2010] Lloyd's Rep IR Plus 11; [2009] All E R (D) 152; [2009] 2 All E R (Comm) 658; (2009) NPC 38; (2009) ILM 75 Hames v Ferguson [2008] All E R (D) 152 (CA) Hough v Annear (2008) 119 Con LR 57 Crest Nicholson (Eastern) Ltd v Mr and Mrs Western [2008] 1 BLR 426; [2008] All E R (D) 249; (2008) 119 Con LR 18; (2008) CILL 2599; [2008] TCLR 9. Eiles v London Borough of Southwark [2006] All E R (D) 237 Wessanen Foods Ltd v Jofson Ltd [2006] All E R (D) 48 The Burns – Anderson Independent Network plc v Francis Henry Wheeler [2005] Lloyd's Rep 580 (QBD), [2005] All ER (D) 331 (Feb) Brown v Vosper Thorneycroft Ltd [2004] All ER (D) 375 24 Seven Utility Services Ltd v Rosekey Ltd (t/a Atwal Builders) and Another [2004] All E R(D) 288 Jones (L E) (Insurance Brokers) Ltd v Portsmouth City Council (TCC) [2002] BLR 244; [2002] All ER (D) 138 (Mar); (CA) [2003] 1 WLR 427; (2003) 87 ConLR 169; [2003] 1 EGLR



| 99; [2003] 15 EG 139; [2003] 02 LS Gaz R 32; [2003] BLR 67; [2002] 47 EGCS 146; (2002) Times, 21 November; [2002] All ER (D) 90 (Nov)               |
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| Kanu v Kashif [2002] All E R (D) 496 (CA)   |
| Khanna v Somra and Others [2002] All E R (D) 56 (QBD)   |
| Primavera v Allied Dunbar plc [2003] Lloyd's Rep PN 14 [2001] All E R (D) 231 (QBD); [2002] All ER (D) 54; (2003)PNLR 12; [2002] Pens L R 513 (CA)  |
| Video London Sound Studios v Asticus (GMS) Ltd and Keltbray Ltd [2001] All E R (D) 168 (TCC)  |
| Anglian Water Services Ltd v Crawshaw Robbins & Co Ltd [2001] BLR 173; [2001] NPC 32 (QBD) [2001] All ER (D) 59 (Feb)                               |
| Hooper and others v Gorvin [2000] All ER (D) 2165   |
| Dainty and Others v Reynolds and Others (CA) [2000] All E R (D) 2010; (High Court, Holland J) [2001] All E R (D) 43                                 |
| Ludlow v National Power plc [2000] All E R (D) 1868(CA)   |
| Kamenou (t/a Regency Developments) v Pariser [1999] 2 All ER 764; [1999] BLR 72; [1999] 2 Costs LR 117; [1999] All ER (D) 24                        |
| Debtor, a (No 103 of 1994), Re, Cooper v Fearnley [1997] BPIR 20  |
| Talbot v Berkshire CC [1994] QB 290; [1993] 4 All ER 9; [1993] 3 WLR 708; [1993] RTR 406; [1993] NLJR 402; [1993] PIQR P319; (1993) Times, 23 March |

# **Appointments**

- Chartered Arbitrator (2004)
- TECBAR Adjudicator (2004)
- Arbitrator, TECBAR Panel of Arbitrators (2004)
- Fellow of The Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (2000)

### **Awards**

- Holker Senior Award, Gray's Inn (1990)
- Holt Scholar, Gray's Inn (1989)
- Rhodes Scholar (1987)
- University Medal in Law (1987)
- Morris Fletcher and Cross Prize in Law (1987)
- John Hughes Wilkinson Memorial Prize in Law (1987)
- Walter Harrison Prize for Land Law (1985)
- Butterworths Prize for Contract (1983)

### Education

- C.Arb
- FCIArb
- BCL, Oxford University
- LLB (First Class Honours), University of Queensland
- BA, University of Queensland

# Memberships

- Commercial Bar Association (Committee Member 2000-2007)
- Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIArb)
- London Common Law & Commercial Bar Association (LCLCBA)
- Professional Negligence Bar Association (PNBA)
- Technology & Construction Bar Association (TECBAR)
- Bar Standards Board Strategic Review Implementation Steering Group (2008-2009) which implemented the new Complaints Rules and Disciplinary Tribunal Regulations for Barristers
- Bar Standards Board Standards Committee (2006-2011)
- Bar Standards Boards Pupillage Sub-Committee (2006-2011)
- 2TG Equal Opportunities Officer (2006-2010)
- Bar Council Education & Training Committee (2004-2005)
- Gray's Inn Advocacy Trainer (from 2000) training BVC students, Pupils and New Practitioners "A"

grade trainer

• Member, 2TG Management Board (1997-2001)

### Recommendations

Chambers & Partners, London Bar, Property Damage, Leading Juniors, Band 1 2015-2025 and Legal 500, London Bar, Insurance and Professional Negligence 2023-2025 where he is described as follows:

"Daniel is thorough and highly intelligent, and this is coupled with an excellent client manner."

"Dan is a great lawyer with a very attuned eye to the nuances of complex case law. He is direct and can articulate complex point simply."

"Daniel is always meticulously prepared, both in terms of the law and the nitty gritty details of the case. This enables him to be forensic in his witness examination."

"Daniel Crowley is a highly experienced silk-level junior. He is extremely astute, bright and produces written work of exceptional quality."

"He is well prepared and thorough, quick to grasp evidential issues and focus on key points. He provides practical advice with commerciality taken into account for clients."

"Daniel is highly experienced and very easy to work with."

"Excellent subject specific knowledge, well organised and good to deal with."

"Daniel is an experienced advocate with highly effective cross-examination skills."

"He is an encyclopedia on all things property damage. He considers a case from every angle before deciding on his strategy. Daniel has really good tactical nous."

"A go-to senior junior for all insurance matters."

"A tenacious and devastating cross-examiner."

"Daniel cuts through the background noise and digs out what is and isn't relevant. He has an authoritative steer on liability, which shows a good grasp of case law." "Clients find him reassuring. He is understated and effective on paper." "He's knowledgeable of the law and gets to grips with knotty problems effectively."

"He has excellent attention to detail at all times, which assists with the preparation of cases for trial and gives the client the best prospects of success." "He's efficient and economical in what he does, and doesn't waste words in getting to the point."

"An experienced advocate and a highly effective cross-examiner." "A highly established, well-respected and impressive practitioner."

"Practical, commercial and an excellent advocate." "Very proactive, very bright and very experienced."



"Good on paper, good on his feet and good with clients." "An experienced advocate with highly effective cross-examination skills, who displays great attention to detail at all times."

A junior who "definitely earns his slot" in the property damage rankings, and who bolsters his capability in the area with strong knowledge of the Defective Premises Act.

"He is excellent, really thorough and very clever." "He is very bright and spot-on legally."

Commentators note that he "knows tree roots like the back of his hand."

"Gives clear and firm advice and is happy to stand by that advice."

"He is a very astute individual, who has a keen eye for detail, and is very thorough in what he does. He is always methodical, clear and concise, and you can see his passion for the law."

Professional Liability Law Expert of the Year in England – 2025: 2025 Global Law Experts Annual Awards

Professional Liability Law Expert of the Year in England – 2025: 2025 Corporate INTL Magazine Global Award

Commercial Disputes Barrister of the Year – United Kingdom: SME500 UK – 2024 Awards

Insurance Lawyer of the Year 2018: Finance Monthly – Fintech Awards

Commercial Disputes Barrister of the Year 2016, 2017: Lawyer Monthly Legal Awards