

## Daniel ShenSmith **CeMAP, LLB (Hons), LLM, MSoM**

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### General Information

Daniel (also known as **the BlackBelt Barrister** as seen on YouTube) came to the bar after 20 years of success in business. As an entrepreneur, he built companies from the ground up to turning over millions of pounds and has hands-on experience in every area of business operations and face-to-face negotiations. He has a robust and pragmatic approach to legal advice and representation with a focus on achieving a workable solution for his clients.

Drawing on his extensive experience in negotiating and resolving issues and conflicts, Daniel achieves a mutual and fair resolution to the most complex problems. His approachable style makes his clients feel comfortable trusting him to progress their case for the long term. He is able to bring parties together who have been driven apart, bringing disputes to a swift conclusion to allow parties to move forward positively.

### Areas of law

- Company Law
- Contracts & Consumer Law
- Property Law
- Intellectual Property Law
- Family Law

### Company Law

- Shareholder disputes
- Directors' responsibilities
- Contractual disputes
- Commercial debt recovery
- Retrieval of company assets from ex-directors
- Private prosecutions for offences under the Companies Act

### Contracts & Consumer Law

- Breach of contract
- Consumer Rights Act claims
- Travel delay claims
- Unfair terms in consumer contracts

### Property Law

- Residential and commercial disputes
- Qualified in mortgage advice and practice
- TOLATA (Trusts of Land and Appointment of Trustees Act) disputes

### Intellectual Property Law

- Intellectual property registrations and disputes
- Trade mark applications and infringements
- Copyright and design rights registrations and infringements
- Domain name disputes
- Online keyword infringements
- Matters of software copyright and *sui generis* database rights

### Family Law

- Child arrangement disputes
- Allegations of physical and emotional abuse
- International child abduction
- Emergency High Court applications for an order to return the child to the country of origin

**Education**

- Bar Professional Training Course
- LLM, Intellectual Property Law
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**Personal Interests**

Outside of work, Daniel is a veteran martial artist and 6th degree black belt in Tae Kwon-Do and Close-Quarters Combat training. He is also a technical expert on the committee for POLARM Academy, which provides training to the Army, Special Forces and Police.

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