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Danielle is a Legal Director in the FPR team having joined the firm in September 2022. She works as a defence and policy coverage lawyer specialising in professional indemnity and directors' and officers' (D&O) insurance.

Danielle has acted for a range of professionals including solicitors, accountants and construction professionals. Alongside that, Danielle also has considerable experience of acting for D&O insurers (on coverage) or their insured directors/officers (on defence) in complex, high-value claims. Danielle was identified as a key lawyer at Kennedys in Legal 500's 2022 rankings (for Professional Negligence, South West).

Danielle has experience of working in-house at insurers and is familiar with the demands and pressures that insurers face. She also delivers training to clients, has published articles on case law and other topics of interest, and contributes to the firm's ESG in 3D podcasts.

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## Featured experience

### High-value claim policy response

Advising insurers on policy response in a litigated high-value claim involving complex company structures, eight defendants and a number of potentially applicable policies.

### Cross claims monitoring

Acting for D&O insurers in a monitoring capacity in connection with employment and civil cross claims between a company and its current and former directors.

### Indemnity payment negotiation

Acting for D&O insurers to negotiate an indemnity payment following the insured's settlement of various underlying claims for approximately £10m.

### De Sena V Notaro [2020] EWHC 1031 (Ch)

Acting for a firm of accountants to successfully defend a multi-party claim for approximately £10m at trial involving shareholders, accountants and solicitors and arising out of the demerger of a company.