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Daniel Hanson is an expert in the economics of transport and infrastructure. He offers clients expertise based on extensive experience in business cases (including economic impact and cost benefit analysis), demand forecasting, cost analysis, economic regulation, deals, competition issues, and disputes. He focuses on the transport and infrastructure sectors while advising clients in many other sectors (e.g., financial services, telecoms, electricity, water, nuclear, automotive, retail, statutory audits, geospatial mapping, and medical research). He has advised on matters in the UK, the US, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, continental Europe Poland, Thailand, and the Caribbean, among other places.

Mr. Hanson has advised clients on the appraisal and approval of projects worth approximately \$270 billion and has influenced how transformational projects are appraised. He has worked on landmark projects in this area, including advising the UK Airports Commission on new runway capacity and National Highways in the UK on a number of large and controversial road projects (the Lower Thames Crossing, the A14, and the A303). He has also advised High Speed 2 (the largest infrastructure project in Europe) on aspects of its business case. Mr. Hanson developed the approach the UK Department for Transport uses to reconcile the GDP and welfare impacts of projects, and the New Zealand Transport Agency's approach to analyzing dynamic agglomeration. He has also helped clients navigate similar issues in other sectors (e.g., nuclear waste disposal, education, medical research, and tourism).

Mr. Hanson has served on numerous expert panels in the transport sector, including the Hansford Review regarding contestability in the rail sector, the Economic Advisory Panel regarding High Speed 2 (HS2), the Department for Transport/Highways England Challenge Panels on Road Investment Strategies 2 and 3, and a similar Panel for Transport for the North. He was one of the principal architects of a number of the regulatory frameworks in the rail sector (e.g., High Speed 1 and Crossrail). Mr. Hanson advised Transport for London during its multi-billion-pound negotiations for funding from the UK government after its revenues collapsed due to COVID-19. He has also advised HS2 on its exposure to cost inflation and the European Commission on issues arising from Connect Airways' acquisition of Flybe.

Mr. Hanson has guided clients through numerous deals, including bids for various infrastructure assets and numerous public service contract negotiations. Several of his projects have been high-profile disputes, including matters before the UK Supreme Court (unauthorized overdraft charges, the highest profile litigation in UK competition authority history), the UK High Court (on a judicial review and a major appeal), and public inquiry. Mr. Hanson also has extensive experience handling competition issues, including large-scale market investigations (statutory audits, car prices, mobile termination rates), state aid, mergers, and restrictive agreements.

Testimonials include:

"Overall, Daniel balances a keen intellect, an excellent command of economics and an impressive industry knowledge. He is a brilliant leader of people and has an exceptional ability to communicate."

Education

MSc in Economics, University of Warwick

BSc in Economics, University of Bristol

Publications

- *A New Era for Airport Slots?*
- *Unlocking the Power of Prices: Why Demand Elasticities Matter and How to Properly Estimate Them*
- *How Do Changes in Economic Activity Affect Air Passenger Traffic? The Use of State-Dependent Income Elasticities to Improve Aviation Forecasts.*
- *The Role of Economics on the Road to Autonomous Vehicles and Digital Mobility*
- *Transport and Infrastructure - What to watch in 2019*

Practice Areas

Antitrust and Competition

Commercial Litigation and Damages

Communications, Media, and Internet

Energy

Regulatory Economics

Statistical Sampling and Analysis

Survey Research, Design, and Analysis

Transport

Valuation

Water

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