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### Practice Overview

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Nia joined 30 Park Place in 2015 following successful completion of her pupillage under the supervision of Claire Williams (Family) and Angharad Davies (Chancery and Commercial). Nia is developing a mixed practice and accepts instructions in all areas of Civil, Family and Crime. Since becoming a tenant, Nia has continued to actively pursue opportunities to enhance her knowledge and experience. Most recently, Nia was seconded to NHS Legal and Risk Services where she either advised or attended court on a range of matters to include clinical negligence, commercial, court of protection and inquests.

Prior to commencing pupillage, Nia gained almost three years experience within the financial services sector having been employed as a Risk & Compliance Executive and later as a Financial Crime specialist. Nia also previously worked as a paralegal responsible for challenging Continuing NHS Healthcare decisions on behalf of her own caseload of clients.

Nia is a fluent Welsh speaker and is happy to conduct cases through the medium of Welsh.

#### Notable and Reported cases

- Mental Health

Re JH - Nia accepts instructions to represent clients at Mental Health Tribunal hearings. She recently represented a 19 year old patient at a section 117 multi-disciplinary meeting and subsequent tribunal hearing to consider whether the client was able to be discharged from a secure unit. Nia played an active role at the MDT meeting and was subsequently successful in securing the conditional discharge of her client.

- Inquests

Re DR - Nia accepts instructions to represent interested parties at inquests. She recently represented the Health Board in a jury inquest to consider the cause of death of a young lady who passed away whilst a section 3 patient on a mental health ward.

### Chancery & Commercial



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Nia regularly accepts instructions to advise, draft documents and represent clients across a wide range of chancery and commercial matters to include contentious probate, contractual disputes, credit hire, possession actions, rights of way, adverse possession and boundary disputes. Nia regularly acts in small claims matters for both claimants and defendants and has represented clients at directions hearings and costs and case management conferences in fast track and multi-track matters.

## Family & Child Care

Nia undertakes work in all aspects of public and private family law and has represented local authorities and parents in the county court and the family proceedings court. Nia has experience drafting all key procedural documents to include public law threshold documents, case summaries and draft orders.

## Mental Health, Vulnerable Adults & Community Care

Nia accepts instructions to advise and represent clients in all aspects of mental health law. Nia's recent instructions include a successful application for a conditional discharge order before the Mental Health Review Tribunal for Wales.

Nia has represented the Health Board in various Court of Protection applications

## Education

Nia accepts instructions to advise, draft and represent clients across a range of education law matters including admission and exclusion appeals.

## Clinical Negligence

Nia has experience of advising and representing clients in clinical negligence claims which was enhanced having spent time on secondment with NHS Legal and Risk Services. Nia accepts instructions to act for both claimants and defendants and is happy to undertake work on a Conditional Fee Agreement basis.

## Personal Injury

Nia acts for both claimants and defendants in personal injury matters and accepts instructions in all areas of personal injury law including workplace claims, road traffic accidents, slipping/tripping claims and matters relating to consumer protection. Nia has represented clients at Stage 3 and Infant Settlement hearings and accepts instructions to advise on liability and quantum. Nia is viewed favourably for her ability to turn paperwork around quickly. Nia is happy to undertake work on a Conditional Fee Agreement basis.

## Inquests & Inquiries

Nia accepts instructions to represent interested parties at inquests. She recently represented the Health Board in a jury inquest to consider the cause of death of a young lady who passed away whilst a section 3 patient on a mental health ward.

## Immigration & Asylum

Nia has represented clients at both the First-tier and Upper Tribunals and accepts instructions across a range of Immigration and Asylum appeals.

## Appointments

- 2012 – 2013 - Cardiff University - Welsh Rugby Union, Student Advisor
- 2012 – 2013 - Caerphilly Citizens Advice Bureau, Gateway Assessor
- 2012 - 2013 - Cardiff University - The Fostering Network, Student Advisor
- 2009 - 2010 - University of Bristol Law Clinic Executive - Committee Member



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- 2008 – 2010 - University of Bristol Law Clinic, Student Advisor

## Career

- 2013 – 2014 – Target Group Ltd – Financial Crime Executive
- 2013 – Hugh James Solicitors – Nursing Care Paralegal
- 2010 – 2012 – Target Group Ltd – Risk & Compliance Executive

## Education & Qualification

- 2012 – 2013 - Cardiff Law School, - BPTC - Outstanding
- 2011 – 2012 - International Compliance Association – Diploma in Financial Crime Prevention - Merit
- 2007 – 2010 - University of Bristol – LLB (Hons) Law – 2.1

## Awards

- 2015 - Gray's Inn - Ann Goddard Pupillage Scholarship 2015
- 2012 - Gray's Inn - Edmund-Davies BPTC Named Award 2012
- 2010 - University of Bristol - Bristol PLS Outstanding Achievement Award