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### Practice Overview

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Rhian's central practice area is Family Law focusing on both Private and Public proceedings concerning children at all court levels. Within such proceedings she acts for all parties including local authorities, parents, children (either by their Guardians or acting independently), extended family members and other interveners. Rhian has a good manner with both professional and lay clients and adapts easily to the different approach which each client requires depending upon the nature of these sensitive proceedings.

Rhian has a broad experience of her chosen specialism ranging from the most straight forward matters to the most significant. Rhian has conducted cases involving injuries to children, including being led in cases involving non-accidental head injuries to children, allegations of sexual abuse involving both adult and child complainants and child poisoning. Rhian has also been involved in a number of cases whereby matters investigated by the criminal courts have been reopened in the family court.

Rhian is always thorough in her preparation and remains up to date on pertinent issues by regularly providing seminars on Children Act matters along with other members of the Family Team at 30 Park Place.

Rhian also practices in Education Law acting for local authorities, parents and students at both an advisory level and at an appellate level. She provides representation at SENTW appeals, admissions appeals, exclusions appeals and Judicial Reviews of such decisions. Rhian's child care practice also offers a sound understanding of the interaction between the Education system and the Looked After Children system. Rhian has been actively involved in providing seminars with the Education Law Team at 30 Park Place, such seminars have on occasions formed the basis of the training for appeal panel members.

In addition, Rhian's practice extends into mental health applications and applications concerning vulnerable adults including matters in the Court of Protection.

#### Notable and Reported cases

- Re C (children) [2016] EWCA Civ 374
- C County Council v EH and Ors [2014] EWFC B139

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## Family & Child Care

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## Mental Health, Vulnerable Adults & Community Care

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## Recommendations

- 'Her discerning eye identifies legal points others have missed'. (Legal 500, 2017)
- Specialises in Children Act cases, particularly public law proceedings involving domestic abuse, sexual abuse and severe non-accidental injuries. Also handles private children work and has significant appellate experience. Strengths: "Ridiculously well prepared, pragmatic in her approach and gives the clients confidence." (Chambers UK 2017)
- 'Up-and-coming barrister who gains plaudits from commentators for her outstanding work in Children Act cases and private family matters. She has represented clients in complex claims involving historic abuse allegations, non-accidental injuries and domestic violence.' "She can handle difficult jobs brilliantly and picks out issues quickly." (Chambers UK 2016)

## Education & Qualification

- 1997 – 2004: Pen-Y-Dre High School Merthyr
- 2004 – 2007: Cardiff Law School: LLB 2:1
- 2007 – 2008: Cardiff Law School Centre for Professional Legal Studies: BVC: Outstanding

## Awards

Temple Chambers Prize for Advocacy