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Practice Overview

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.

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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.

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 E (children: reopening findings of fact) [2019] EWCA Civ 1447
- Re B-L Children [2017] EWCA Civ 1878
- Carmarthenshire County Council v Y [2017] EWFC 36
- Re C (children) [2016] EWCA Civ 374
- C County Council v EH and Ors [2014] EWFC B139

Family & Child Care

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Mental Health, Vulnerable Adults & Community Care

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Recommendations

- 'Rhian Jones is always so very well prepared for cases and is excellent with clients. She has a bright and sharp legal mind, and can cut to the chase on a case very swiftly and with a clarity of someone of many more years call.' (Chambers UK, 2020)
- 'Produces detailed written work and takes charge in the court room.' (Legal 500, 2020 - Family & Children Law)
- 'A formidable advocate who is always in full control of proceedings.' (Legal 500, 2020 - Court of Protection)
- 'Incredibly well prepared. Everything is always meticulously drafted.' (Chambers UK, 2019)
- 'Very persuasive and unafraid to take on difficult cases.' (Legal 500, 2018)
- 'Highly intelligent and always well prepared.' (Legal 500, 2018)
- 'A gifted advocate specialising in family proceedings. Meticulous in her approach and highly recommended for complex care proceedings.' (Chambers UK, 2018)
- '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