

Rhys Evans

Call: 2008

"Rhys's legal knowledge is first-rate and always encompasses a much broader canvas of knowledge than required."

Chambers UK 2026



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Rhys Evans is a leading junior in Wales in respect of Private and Public Law children work.

A fluent Welsh speaker, he joined Chambers in 2010 and was appointed a Deputy District Judge and Fee-paid Employment Judge in 2020.

Rhys is consistently instructed in some of the most serious and sensitive Public Law children cases including matters involving child death/homicide, catastrophic injury, fabricated induced injury, serious sexual abuse, honour-based violence and FGM.

He has appeared at all levels up to the Court of Appeal and has been involved in some of the most significant children cases in England and Wales over the last 10 years. He is sought after by Local Authorities and also acts for parents and children's guardians and has also been instructed as a leading junior on a number of complex cases.

He also advises on Human Rights Act claims arising from Children Act proceedings and frequently supports local authorities with wider matters including pre-issue considerations, threshold, matters of jurisdiction, social care duties, disclosure and policy).

Expertise

Family & Childcare

Rhys specialises in complex public law children work, including cases involving death, serious abuse, chronic neglect, and secure accommodation. He is frequently instructed in High Court matters involving the Inherent Jurisdiction and is known for his calm, robust advocacy and deep understanding of the legal and human issues at play.

Appointments

- FLBA Fees Committee (2024)
- Fee-paid Employment Judge (2020)
- Deputy District Judge (2020)
- Part of the Working Group on Paid McKenzie Friends (2014 and 2015)
- Member of the Bar Council's Law Reform Committee (2014)
- Young Barristers' Committee Wales and Chester Circuit Representative (2014 and 2015)
- Trial Judge Intern, United Nations International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia, The Hague (2008)

Education

- Bar Vocational Course (Very Competent), Cardiff University Law School
- LLB (Hons), Cardiff University Law School

Languages

- Welsh (fluent)

Memberships

- Family Law Bar Association

Notable and reported cases

- Powys County Council v AB & Ors [2024] EWHC 3207 (Fam) – Represented the local authority in complex care proceedings involving fabricated induced illness.
- Re C (Children) [2016] EWCA Civ 374 – Led junior in the Court of Appeal for the local authority in a widely reported case involving a mother's appeal against the refusal to allow her to name her twin children "Cyanide" and "Preacher".
- EB (A Child: Care Order and Placement Order) [2016] EWHC 887 (Fam) – Acted for the child in care proceedings concerning cross-border

allegations that the mother had attempted to hand over the baby to another family after travelling from Spain.

- *Pembrokeshire & James* [2021] EWFC 71 – Instructed on behalf of the local authority in care proceedings following the murder of a child, involving parallel criminal and family proceedings.
- *Edkins v Hopkins & Ors* [2016] EWHC 2542 (Ch) – Represented beneficiaries in a contested probate claim involving a £2 million estate. The case raised issues of undue influence, testamentary capacity, and knowledge and approval.
- *Edkins v Hopkins & Ors* [2017] WTLR 39 – Appeared before HHJ Jarman KC (sitting as a High Court Judge) in further proceedings involving the same estate, with contested issues relating to will validity and costs.

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