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Overview

Rhiannon is a civil practitioner specialising in clinical negligence, personal injury, and inquests.

She enjoys a busy practice, acting for both claimants and defendants across a broad range of civil matters, regularly instructed in fast-track trials involving allegations of fundamental dishonesty.

She has particular expertise in credit hire disputes, road traffic accidents, and public and employer's liability claims. Alongside her court practice, she is frequently instructed to draft pleadings and provide advice both in conference and in writing. She has shown herself to be adept at "thinking on her feet" and expressing herself "eloquently and persuasively, employing well researched and clearly structured arguments."

Rhiannon is also experienced in inquest work, having recently acted for the family in a complex three-day clinical negligence inquest. Her calm and thorough approach makes her well-suited to sensitive proceedings involving bereaved families and public bodies.

Prior to starting pupillage, Rhiannon worked as a Research Fellow and Associate at Edinburgh University's Mason Institute for Medicine, Life Sciences and Law. She was involved in researching and writing journal articles, policy briefs, and contributing to the 12th edition of the seminal textbook, Mason McCall Smith's Medical Law.

Rhiannon speaks Brazilian Portuguese, having grown up in Rio de Janeiro. Outside of her work is a keen ice hockey and motorbike enthusiast, and enjoys drawing.

Academic qualifications

- Bar Practice Training Course (BPTC), University of Law
- Masters in Medical Law and Ethics, University of Edinburgh
- LLB Law, King's College London

Scholarships

- Dean's Excellence Scholarship, University of Law
- Winner, Scottish Inter-Varsity Great Medico-Legal Debate, University of Edinburgh

Professional bodies

- Associate, King's College London
- Member, Honourable Society of Gray's Inn

Expertise

Personal Injury

Rhiannon has a broad personal injury practice and is regularly instructed in fast track, and intermediate track trials. She appears in CCMCs, and a range of interim applications. She has a particular interest in motorbike-related claims and is known for her pragmatic and persuasive advocacy.

Her experience includes:

- Acting in trials involving complex liability disputes and allegations of fundamental dishonesty.
- Advising on liability and quantum across a range of personal injury claims.
- Drafting skeleton arguments in a range of matters, including 'slip and trip' claims and credit hire disputes.
- Drafting pleadings in cases arising from road traffic accidents, occupiers' liability, employers' liability, and the Highways Act.
- Representing parties in credit hire litigation, with a strong record of success.
- Securing strike-outs of statements of case in RTA matters.
- Successfully applying for pre-action disclosure.

Inquests

Rhiannon is developing a strong practice in coronial law, with experience acting for families, medical professionals, and public bodies. She brings a calm and thorough approach to sensitive proceedings and is adept at navigating complex issues of causation and procedure.

Notable experience includes:

- Attending a two-week inquest concerning a death by dangerous driving and joint enterprise, where she maintained a detailed verbatim note to support future insurance litigation.
- Representing the family in a three-day inquest concerning a suicide, where there was reason to suspect the prescribed medication and dosage were a causative element.
- Acting for a GP practice in proceedings where causation was a central issue.
- Providing training to paramedics on witness statements and evidence in coronial proceedings.
- Undertaking advocacy training and shadowing across a range of coronial hearings.