



Rhiannon Wilcock

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Overview

Rhiannon practises in all areas of family law including private and public children law, financial remedies, financial provision for children and applications under the Family Law Act 1996.

Rhiannon read Law at the University of Exeter, before moving to London to complete the BPTC at Kaplan Law School. Rhiannon is a Levitt Scholar of Lincoln's Inn and was a finalist of the Sir Louis Gluckstein Advocacy Competition during the BPTC year.

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Academic qualifications

- 2013 – Levitt Scholar, Lincoln's Inn
- 2012 – BPTC, Very Competent, Kaplan Law School
- 2011 – LLB (Hons), 2:1, University of Exeter

Professional bodies

- Lincoln's Inn
- Family Law Bar Association
- Bar Pro Bono Unit
- Free Representation Unit

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Family Finance Team

Rhiannon has a particular interest in matrimonial finance, Schedule 1 applications and property disputes between cohabitants and welcomes instructions in these areas.

During pupillage, Rhiannon acted in a number of financial cases, where the assets were in the small to medium range and has obtained costs orders against non-compliant parties. Rhiannon has also provided specialist advice on variation of maintenance in accordance with the changes to the Family Court and has been instructed to advise and draft documents in complex, high value cases.

Rhiannon has experience in cases where there has been material non-disclosure and where conduct has been raised as an issue.

Private Law Children and Domestic Abuse

Rhiannon has acted in a number of private law cases concerning disputes over child arrangements, including matters involving serious allegations of child abuse. Rhiannon has also acted in international relocation cases, representing clients from the FHDRA through to the final hearing and would welcome instructions in this area.

During pupillage, Rhiannon very regularly acted for clients seeking Injunctive relief, often involving emergency without notice hearings. She has represented many clients making very serious allegations of domestic violence and is empathetic but firm in her advice.

Rhiannon has experience of representing clients in custody and is able to adapt her approach accordingly. Rhiannon has also acted for clients with mental health difficulties.

Public Law Care and Adoption

Rhiannon accepts instructions in all areas of public law children cases, whether on behalf of Local Authorities, parents, Children's Guardians or extended family members.