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Rhys Jones



Year of call:	**2022**
Degree:	**BA, History (Cantab, First Class), MPhil, History (Cantab, Distinction), PhD, History (Cantab), GDL (City, Distinction), Bar Vocational Scheme (City, Distinction)**
Languages:	**Welsh (fluent), French (working knowledge)**

Rhys joined Chambers in September 2023 following the successful completion of pupillage. He accepts instructions in all of Chambers' practice areas.

Recent highlights of Rhys's experience include assisting with the following cases:

- The proceedings before the House of Commons Privileges Committee relating to the investigation into whether the former Prime Minister, Rt Hon Boris Johnson, misled Parliament over 'partygate' allegations.
- The disciplinary proceedings brought against Everton Football Club under the Premier League's Profit and Sustainability Rules.
- The phone hacking litigation against the Mirror Group Newspaper.
- The arbitrary detention of the former Prime Minister of Kazakhstan, who was arrested and detained by the government of Kazakhstan, and subsequently convicted of treason, following nationwide protests in January 2022.
- The Visa interchange litigation, including the umbrella interchange proceedings, relating to claims that Multilateral Interchange Fees set by the Mastercard and Visa schemes are anti-competitive and unlawful.
- An expedited High Court employee competition claim involving allegations relating to a team move of 38 employees across different jurisdictions in the insurance broking industry, including an alleged unlawful means conspiracy and quia timet and springboard injunctive relief.
- A judicial review brought by ClientEarth of the Financial Conduct Authority's decision to approve the prospectus of an oil and gas company.

Rhys was seconded to the Competition and Markets Authority for 3 months in 2023, where he worked with the litigation team, primarily on matters arising from anti-trust and merger and acquisition investigations.

While studying for the Bar, Rhys worked as a pro-bono advocate and union representative on behalf of the Cleaners and Allied Independent Workers Union (CAIWU), successfully representing members in a variety of workplace disciplinary matters, including in appeals against final written warnings and misconduct allegations.

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In 2021-2022, Rhys was a paralegal at the Infected Blood Inquiry, where he drafted Rule 9 requests for further evidence from inquiry witnesses, including former government ministers.

Prior to coming to the Bar, Rhys was Fellow in History at Sidney Sussex College, University of Cambridge, and wrote and presented documentaries for BBC Radio 4.

EXPERIENCE

Commercial

Rhys accepts instructions in all areas of commercial law.

Cases

Zaha Hadid Limited v Zaha Hadid Foundation

Instructed by the Claimant company in relation to a dispute under a trade mark licence agreement (with Michael Bloch KC).

[Concert Promoter] v [Artist] (ongoing)

Acting (unled) for the concert promoter in contemplated proceedings concerning a breach of contract arising out of a concert promotion agreement.

C v D (ongoing)

For the claimant in an application for a worldwide freezing order (assisting Harry Adamson).

O v D

Instructed by the Defendant in relation to an allegation of non-performance for the supply of photographs under a contract.

Various Claimants v Mirror Group Newspapers (Phone Hacking Litigation) (ongoing)

For the defendant news group, MGN, in the ongoing phone hacking litigation (assisting Harry Adamson).

X v Y (ongoing)

For the defendant in a claim arising from the Ingenious Litigation, a group action relating to a claim in fraud brought by a large number of investors in a film finance scheme (assisting Harry Adamson).

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Confidential Arbitration

For the Premier League in a confidential arbitration relating to alleged breaches by a football club of the league's profitability and sustainability rules (assisting Jason Pobjoy).

Re Severn Trent Water (ongoing)

For the defendant water company in relation to an ongoing multi-million pound High Court claim in restitution by personal search companies alleging breach of the Environmental Information Regulations (assisting Jason Pobjoy).

Whitestone & Ors v Financial Conduct Authority

For the FCA in a reference brought before the Upper Tribunal in relation to the FCA's findings of a lack of integrity against three employees of a private investment bank (assisting Celia Rooney).

Hanson v Sicurella

For the claimant in relation to a final charging order over a property for sums due and owing under two orders and a default costs certificate (assisting Harry Adamson).

Declan Colgan Music v UMG Recordings (ongoing)

For the claimant in relation to a dispute over payment of royalties under a licence agreement between the claimant and defendant pertaining to the sampling by Kanye West of a recording by the group King Crimson (assisting Celia Rooney).

Jon Moss v Culture Club

For Mr Jon Moss in his dispute against his former band, Culture Club (assisting Celia Rooney).

Guy Carpenter v Howden (ongoing)

For the defendant company in an expedited High Court employee competition claim involving allegations relating to a team move of 38 employees across different jurisdictions in the insurance broking industry, including an alleged unlawful means conspiracy and quia timet and springboard injunctive relief (assisting Craig Rajgopaul).

Music Management Contract Breach

For the talent management agency in relation to proposed proceedings arising out of an alleged breach of a music management contract by the artist (assisting Celia Rooney).

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[Artists] v [Recording Company]

For the artists in proposed proceedings arising from an alleged failure on the part of the recording company to comply with its royalty accounting obligations in relation to streaming services (assisting Celia Rooney).

Competition

Rhys accepts instructions in all areas of competition law.

Cases

Visa Interchange Litigation

For Visa in relation to the Visa interchange litigation, including the umbrella interchange proceedings, relating to claims that Multilateral Interchange Fees set by the Mastercard and Visa schemes are anti-competitive and unlawful (assisting Jason Pobjoy).

VW Emissions Group Litigation

For Volkswagen AG in group litigation proceedings, which raise a number of EU and competition law issues, including in respect of the Commission's decision regarding emission levels (assisting Jason Pobjoy).

Sport

Rhys accepts instructions in all areas of sports law.

Cases

Premier League v Everton FC

Premier League Commissions and Appeal Boards, 2023-4

Acting for the Premier League in disciplinary proceedings brought against Everton Football Club under its Profit and Sustainability Rules (with Adam Lewis KC and Jason Pobjoy).

Confidential Arbitration

For the Premier League in a confidential arbitration relating to alleged breaches by a football club of the league's profitability and sustainability rules (assisting Jason Pobjoy).

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Advising the Premier League

Advised the Premier League on various proposed rule changes, including in respect of its compliance with certain statutory obligations (assisting Jason Pobjoy).

England Athletics

For an athletics coach in relation to a disciplinary matter brought by the regulatory body (assisting Celia Rooney).

FA Jurisdiction Advice

Advised the Football Association on a regulatory matter arising in the context of a confidential arbitration (assisting Celia Rooney).

Employment

Rhys accepts instructions in all areas of employment law.

Cases

Guy Carpenter v Howden (ongoing)

For the defendant company in an expedited High Court employee competition claim involving allegations relating to a team move of 38 employees across different jurisdictions in the insurance broking industry, including an alleged unlawful means conspiracy and quia timet and springboard injunctive relief (assisting Craig Rajgopaul).

C v P

For the employer in successfully obtaining a strike out of an Employment Tribunal whistleblowing claim (assisting Craig Rajgopaul).

T v S (ongoing)

For the defendant employer in a claim brought by a male employee regarding allegations of sex discrimination under the Equality Act 2010 arising during the course of internal disciplinary proceedings (assisting Craig Rajgopaul).

C v Z (ongoing)

For the employer in an Employment Tribunal disability discrimination claim (assisting Craig Rajgopaul).

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M v A

For the employer in an Employment Tribunal disability discrimination claim, which involved complex territorial jurisdictional matters (assisting Craig Rajgopaul).

[Energy Company] v [Former Employee and Competitor]

For the Energy Company in a proposed employee competition claim involving allegations of misuse of confidential information and unlawful means conspiracy (assisting Celia Rooney).

Patel v Aecom

For the employer in an Employment Tribunal discrimination claim involving allegations of disability discrimination, harassment and victimisation under the Equality Act 2010 (assisting Celia Rooney).

Media & Entertainment

Rhys accepts instructions in all areas of media and entertainment law.

Cases

Various Claimants v Mirror Group Newspapers (Phone Hacking Litigation) (ongoing)

For the defendant news group, MGN, in the ongoing phone hacking litigation (assisting Harry Adamson).

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O v D

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Keighley v Information Commissioner and BBC

For the BBC in resisting an appeal against the decision of the First-tier Tribunal to refuse the appellant's multi-part request for information regarding audience research undertaken by the BBC (assisting Jason Pobjoy).

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Malkiewicz v United Kingdom

For the United Kingdom in a challenge brought in the European Court of Human Rights by the editors of a Polish-language monthly magazine, which concerned the compatibility of the UK litigation costs regime with the right to freedom of expression under Article 10 ECHR (assisting Jason Pobjoy).

Associated News Limited v United Kingdom

For the United Kingdom in a challenge brought in the European Court of Human Rights by ANL, publisher of the Daily Mail and other titles, alleging a violation of Article 10 in respect of costs orders requiring the publisher to pay success fees to successful claimants (assisting Jason Pobjoy).

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For the talent management agency in relation to proposed proceedings arising out of an alleged breach of a music management contract by the artist (assisting Celia Rooney).

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Public & Regulatory

Rhys accepts instructions in all areas of public and regulatory law.

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Cases

Privileges Committee investigation into Rt Hon Boris Johnson (2023)

For the former Prime Minister, Boris Johnson, in proceedings before the Privileges Committee relating to the investigation into whether the former Prime Minister misled Parliament over 'partygate' allegations (assisting Jason Pobjoy).

Independent Review of the Independent Safeguarding Board (2023)

Assisted Sarah Wilkinson in conducting an independent review for the Archbishops' Council of the Church of England, reviewing the creation, work and termination of the Church's Independent Safeguarding Board.

https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2023-12/isb-review-report-30-november-2023.pdf

R (ClientEarth) v Financial Conduct Authority (ongoing)

For the legal charity ClientEarth in a judicial review of the Financial Conduct Authority's decision to approve the prospectus of an oil and gas company as a precondition to its admission to the official list and the offer of its securities to the public (assisting Harry Adamson).

R (Khyam) v Secretary of State for Justice (2022)

For the Secretary of State for Justice on a judicial review of the prison categorisation and security conditions of a prisoner convicted of terrorism offences (assisted Harry Adamson).

Advising the Premier League

Advised the Premier League on various proposed rule changes, including in respect of its compliance with certain statutory obligations (assisting Jason Pobjoy).

FA Jurisdiction Advice

Advised the Football Association on a regulatory matter arising in the context of a confidential arbitration (assisting Celia Rooney).

Public International Law

Rhys accepts instructions in all areas of public international law.

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Cases

Arbitrary Detention of the Former Prime Minister of Kazakhstan

For Mr Karim Massimov, former Prime Minister of Kazakhstan, in matters relating to his arrest and detention by the government of Kazakhstan, and his subsequent conviction for treason, following nationwide protests in January 2022 (assisting Jason Pobjoy).

Malkiewicz v United Kingdom

For the United Kingdom in a challenge brought in the European Court of Human Rights by the editors of a Polish-language monthly magazine, which concerned the compatibility of the UK litigation costs regime with the right to freedom of expression under Article 10 ECHR (assisting Jason Pobjoy).

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Sanctions

Rhys accepts instructions in all areas of sanctions law.

Cases

UN, EU and Domestic Sanctions Compliance Advice

Advising several companies and individuals in relation to compliance with the EU and UK sanctions regimes, particularly regarding Russia, Belarus, and Ukraine, including advice on the impact of sanctions on commercial transactions, ownership and control, and the implications of the Sanctions and Anti-Money Laundering Act 2018, and the Regulations made pursuant to that primary legislation (assisting Jason Pobjoy).

Sanctions advice to a natural resources company

Advised a natural resources company in relation to the UK and EU sanctions regimes (assisting Jason Pobjoy).

Sanctions advice to a pharmaceutical company

Advised a pharmaceutical company on the impact upon its business of the Russia (Sanctions) Regulations 2019 (assisting Jason Pobjoy).

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Sanctions advice to medical company

Advised a medical services company in relation to the UK and EU sanctions regimes (assisting Jason Pobjoy).

ACHIEVEMENTS

Education

- Bar Vocational Scheme (City, University of London; Distinction).
- Graduate Diploma in Law (City, University of London; Distinction).
- PhD, History (University of Cambridge).
- MPhil, History (University of Cambridge).
- BA, History (University of Cambridge; First Class).

Professional Experience

- 2020–2021 Paralegal, Infected Blood Inquiry, Cabinet Office.
- 2016–2019 Research Fellow in History, Sidney Sussex College, University of Cambridge.

Further Experience

- 2020–2022 Advocate, Cleaner's and Allied Independent Workers Union.
- 2020–2022 Independent Custody Visitor, Mayor of London's Office for Policing and Crime.
- 2020–2021 Coordinator, Big Voice London.

Scholarships, Awards and Prizes

- Tancred Scholar, Lincoln's Inn (2021).
- Lord Bowen Scholar, Lincoln's Inn (2019).
- Academic Scholarship, City, University of London (2019; 2021).
- Sarah Norton Trust Fund Award, Faculty of History, University of Cambridge (2016).
- Wolfson Postgraduate Scholarship in the Humanities, Wolfson Foundation (2013).
- Senior Scholar, University of Cambridge (2012).

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