

Mr Huw Shephard LLB(Hons), MBA

General Information

BARRISTER AND BUSINESS CONSULTANT

Huw Shephard undertakes commercial and contractual disputes and public law litigation, advisory work and drafting over a range of practice areas and business sectors. He is a team player who enjoys working with lay and professional clients to identify and resolve problems in a way that is best suited to the client's needs.

He is direct and decisive, a pragmatist in resolving disputes, prepares cases thoroughly and is an effective senior junior advocate.

Work undertaken:

- Shareholders' interests and disputes
- Directors' rights and duties
- Corporate governance
- Development agreements and planning disputes
- Local government law (but not social services)
- Public law and judicial review
- Financial services law and regulation both onshore and offshore
- Property
- Trusts and Probate
- Taxation
- Insolvency
- Cross-border transactions and disputes
- Inquests
- Drafting agreements and primary, secondary and tertiary legislation relating to the above

Huw is also happy to assist with Personal Injury work if asked, having undertaken many cases in the past at government level.

Experience:

Huw is an experienced advocate at all levels of court and tribunal. He is a leading Barrister, has presided over a public inquiry in Jersey and has worked overseas, including serving as the Attorney General of a British Overseas Territory.

After working as a Magistrates' Clerk for 5 years, Huw joined the Treasury Solicitor's Department and spent 9 years handling a variety of government legal work, including judicial review, specialist prosecutions, Admiralty law, and regulatory practice. He then joined the finance industry in Jersey to establish the compliance/AML regime for one of the Island's large Trust Companies (and acted as in-house counsel advising on trust, contractual and tax issues). He then worked in funds and investment compliance and as a general business and compliance consultant. Following a short stint in a local authority handling employment and freedom of information issues as well as more general matters, Huw moved to Bermuda, where he was Crown Counsel/Acting Deputy Solicitor-General. While there, he travelled extensively as a member of the negotiating team seeking Tax Information Exchange Agreements and was a member of the Island's delegation to the OECD Peer Review Group on exchange of information. He also acted as an assessor for the OECD examining the effectiveness of TIEA mechanisms. He then became Attorney General of the Turks and Caicos Islands, having responsibility for advising the Government of the Islands on all legal matters, including the aftermath of the 2009 Auld Commission of Inquiry, planning and development, land issues and the full range of government activity, and for prosecuting offences. In working with clients, Huw prefers to get involved at an early stage to ensure that any negotiation or dispute is managed to best advantage through the courts or if appropriate, mediation or ADR.

He is bilingual in Welsh and English and has experience of conducting proceedings in Welsh. He also has some knowledge of French, German, Italian and Russian.

Huw is also accredited to accept instructions on a public access basis.

Personal:

Huw sings and plays musical instruments, goes scuba diving and sailing, and loves opera, rugby and cricket.

Education:

Aberystwyth University LLB (Hons), Gray's Inn, Manchester Business School MBA (Financial Management)

Other Experience:

Council of Europe expert in anti-corruption; formerly naval reservist; elected Police Officer, Parish of Grouville, Jersey; Volunteer and member of the management board, St John Ambulance, Bermuda.

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