



## Gethin Thomas

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Gethin Thomas has a multidisciplinary practice, encompassing public law & human rights, environment & energy, procurement, commercial, financial services, regulatory and planning law.

Reflecting the breadth of his practice, Gethin has acted as sole or junior counsel in proceedings in the Court of Appeal, and in the High Court (in the Administrative Court, Commercial Court, Queen's Bench Division, and Technology & Construction Court).

He is ranked as a 'rising star' in environmental law by the Legal 500.

Gethin is a member of the Attorney General's C Panel of Counsel, and of the Welsh Government's B Panel of Junior Counsel.

Gethin graduated from the University of Oxford with a First Class law degree. Before joining the bar, Gethin worked as a research assistant in public law at the Law Commission for two years. Latterly, Gethin interned at the human rights charity JUSTICE. He worked in the administrative justice team.

Gethin is a contributing editor to the Environmental Law Bulletin (published by Sweet & Maxwell). He has also contributed to the latest editions of *Wilmot-Smith on Construction Contracts* (4th edition, May 2021), and *Shackleton on the Law and Practice of Meetings* (15th Edition, November 2020).

## Areas of expertise

Administrative and Public

Environment and Energy

Planning

Commercial

Financial Services, Banking and Pensions

Regulatory and Disciplinary

Inquiries and Investigations

## Regulatory and Disciplinary

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Gethin has a keen interest in regulatory and disciplinary law. He regularly acts on behalf of regulatory bodies in judicial review claims. His experience includes:

- Acting in proceedings before the **Solicitors Disciplinary Tribunal**, and advising on Solicitors

Regulation Authority (SRA) regulatory issues.

- Acting in proceedings before the **Council for Licensed Conveyancers Adjudication Panel**, including recently in a 5-day trial in a complex matter involving breaches of anti-money laundering rules (appearing as sole counsel against a KC).
- Advising the **Financial Ombudsman Service** as consultant counsel.
- Advising the **Office for Students** as consultant counsel.
- Acting on behalf of the **Civil Aviation Authority**, in a successful strike out application of a claim in relation to a decision to provisionally suspend a pilot's medical certificate in the High Court.

Gethin also gained experience of regulatory law whilst working in electoral law and misconduct in public office at the Law Commission.

## Memberships

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- Administrative Law Bar Association
- UK Environmental Law Association
- Environmental Law Foundation
- Commercial Bar Association
- Association of London Welsh Lawyers

## Qualifications

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- 2014, BA Jurisprudence, Harris Manchester College, University of Oxford – First Class
- 2017, BPTC, BPP University – Very Competent

## Additional Information

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### Scholarships and Awards

- 2016, Lord Edmund-Davies Award, Gray's Inn
- 2016, Residential Scholarship, Gray's Inn
- 2016, Excellence Award, BPP University
- 2017, ALBA Conference Scholarship

### Pro Bono and Other Voluntary Work

- Gethin is committed to pro bono work.
- Gethin is a Trustee of the Lord Edmund-Davies Trust, which is an independent charity established in 2013 to serve young people living in Wales or having a connection with Wales who are interested in entering the legal profession.
- Gethin is a member of the Environmental Law Foundation, through which he provides pro bono advice.
- Gethin has volunteered with Free Representation Unit, acting for claimants in social security appeals. Further examples of Gethin's pro bono experience include volunteering as an adviser at Bethnal Green Legal Advice Centre and as a researcher with Citizens Advice Bureau.
- He was a human rights education trainer with Amnesty International.
- Gethin has been a mentor on the Vocalise programme, where he taught debating in prisons.

- Gethin has also volunteered with Big Voice, a social mobility and youth empowerment charity

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