



## 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

Procurement

Inquiries and Investigations

## Inquiries and Investigations

Gethin has experience of public inquiries, investigations and strategic reviews. His recent instructions include:

- **South Wales Fire and Rescue Service Culture Review:** As junior counsel to Fenella Morris KC and Charlene Ashiru, assisting in respect of an independent cultural review.
- **Independent Human Rights Act Review Panel:** Advising the Independent Human Rights Act Review Panel, chaired by Sir Peter Gross.
- **Infected Blood Inquiry:** Acting as junior counsel to Charlie Corey-Wright KC by NHS Blood and Transplant, a core participant in the Infected Blood Inquiry.
- Advising the **Windrush Lessons Learned Review**.

## Memberships

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- Administrative Law Bar Association
- UK Environmental Law Association
- Environmental Law Foundation
- Commercial Bar Association
- Procurement Lawyers 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 was formerly 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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