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Rhodri has over 25 years of experience as a solicitor and is the head of our highly regarded dispute resolution team. A lawyer with a wealth of knowledge across a broad range of commercial, property and probate cases, Rhodri has acted on disputes in specialist Tribunals, County and High Courts all the way up to successful claims in the Court of Appeal and Supreme Court.

Rhodri's particular specialism is advising on commercial and business issues, ranging from claims for breach of contract to business ownership and shareholder disputes.

He has experience of emergency injunctions as well as resolving disputes through the courts, arbitration, mediation and negotiation.

Rhodri also has extensive experience in dealing with property related disputes ranging from rights over land to landlord and tenant and lease disputes. Previous clients include some of the UK's largest housebuilders and property management companies as well as public and private companies, developers and individuals. He has also acted for landlords and tenants in the Leasehold Valuation Tribunal and Residential Property Tribunal (Wales) in collective freehold purchase and service charge cases.

Alongside his commercial and property work, Rhodri has developed a strong reputation as a contentious probate lawyer. He is an associate member of the Association of Contentious Trusts and Probate Specialists and having completed the ACTAPS diploma in 2018 – the leading qualification in the field – he is regularly instructed by beneficiaries and executors to advise on disputes relating to contested wills, trusts and estates.

Rhodri has been praised by the Legal 500 – the industry's guide to the best firms and lawyers – for his 'excellent advice' and 'additional expertise in contentious probate proceedings', and clients have commended his "commercial common sense" and ability to cut through the key issues.

Recent work

- Acting for a shareholder in a recruitment company in a claim for unfair prejudice of (section 996 Companies Act 2006), settled at £600,000
- Advising on exit of shareholder from a legal practice, avoiding any litigation for the company
- Enforcing a legal charge over a property to secure historic business debts
- Negotiating significant settlement for widow who was disinherited by husband suffering with dementia when he made his last will
- Professional negligence claim against solicitor for failing to include necessary rights when purchasing development land
- Resolving a joint ownership dispute over a farm following death of the life tenant
- Successful recovery of high-value deferred consideration under two separate share purchase agreements following the sales of care homes
- Successful recovery of significant damages for breach of contract after a manufacturer wrongly terminated a multi-million-pound contract with its haulier
- Successful resolution at mediation of an equitable claim over beneficial ownership of a property based on proprietary estoppel
- Successfully defending allegations of misinterpretation after sale of a valuable residential property

Expertise

- Contract, business ownership and shareholder disputes
- Professional Negligence Claims against Solicitors, Architects and Accountants

- Land, boundary and property Disputes, including disputes relating to joint ownership of property
- Probate Disputes and claims under the Inheritance (Provision for Family and Dependents) Act 1975
- Right to Manage and Collective Enfranchisement claims
- Service charge disputes
- Disputes relating to commercial leases, including dilapidations and lease renewal.

Career

Experience

- Partner, Darwin Gray 2003 - present
- In-house solicitor, the Peacock Group – 2002 – 2003
- Solicitor, Morgan Cole, 2001 - 2002
- Solicitor, Palser Grossman, 1997 - 2001
- Trainee Solicitor, Eversheds, 1995 - 1997

Education

- Liverpool College
- University of Wales Institute of Science and Technology, Cardiff. BSc (Hons) in Economics
- Glamorgan University Common Professional Examination in Law
- Cardiff University Legal Practice Course
- University of Law - ACTAPS

Membership

- Associate Member of the Association of Contentious Trusts and Probate Specialists



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Mae gan Rhodri dros 25 mlynedd o brofiad fel cyfreithiwr ac ef yw pennaeth ein tîm datrys anghydfod uchel ei barch. Yn gyfreithiwr gyda chyfoeth o wybodaeth ar draws ystod eang o achosion masnachol, eiddo a phroffiant, mae Rhodri wedi gweithredu ar anghydfodau mewn Tribiwnlysoedd arbenigol, Llysoedd Sirol ac Uchel Lysoedd yr holl ffordd hyd at hawliadau llwyddiannus yn y Llys Apêl a'r Goruchaf Lys.

Arbenigedd arbennig Rhodri yw rhoi cyngor ar faterion masnachol a busnes, yn amrywio o hawliadau am dorri contract i berchnogaeth busnes ac anghydfodau rhwng rhanddeiliaid.

Mae ganddo brofiad o waharddebau brys yn ogystal â datrys anghydfodau drwy'r llysoedd, cyflafareddu, cyfryngu a negodi.

Mae gan Rhodri hefyd brofiad helaeth o ymdrin ag anghydfodau sy'n ymwneud ag eiddo yn amrywio o hawliau dros dir i anghydfodau landlordiaid a thenantiaid a phrydlesi. Mae cleientiaid blaenorol yn cynnwys rhai o adeiladwyr tai a chwmnïau rheoli eiddo mwyaf y DU yn ogystal â chwmnïau cyhoeddus a phreifat, datblygwyr ac unigolion. Mae hefyd wedi gweithredu ar ran landlordiaid a thenantiaid yn y Tribiwnlys Prisio Lesddaliadau a'r Tribiwnlys Eiddo Preswyl (Cymru) mewn achosion prynu rhydd-ddaliad ar y cyd a thâl gwasanaeth.

Ochr yn ochr â'i waith masnachol ac eiddo, mae Rhodri wedi datblygu enw da fel cyfreithiwr profiant cynhennus. Mae'n aelod cyswllt o Gymdeithas yr Ymddiriedolaethau Cynhennus ac Arbenigwyr Profiant ac ar ôl cwblhau diploma ACTAPS yn 2018 – y cymhwyster blaenllaw yn y maes – mae'n cael ei gyfarwyddo'n rheolaidd gan fuddiolwyr ac ysgutorion i roi cyngor ar anghydfodau sy'n ymwneud ag ewyllysiau, ymddiriedolaethau ac ystadau a ymledir. .

Mae Rhodri wedi cael ei ganmol gan Legal 500 – canllaw'r diwydiant i'r cwmnïau a'r cyfreithwyr gorau – am ei 'gyngor rhagorol' a'i 'arbenigedd ychwanegol mewn achosion profiant cynhennus', ac mae cleientiaid wedi canmol ei "synnwyr cyffredin masnachol" a'i allu i dorri trwodd. y materion allweddol.

Prosiectau diweddar

- Gweithredu ar ran cyfranddaliwr mewn cwmni recriwtio mewn hawliad am ragfarn annheg o (adran 996 Deddf Cwmnïau 2006), wedi setlo ar £600,000
- Rhoi cyngor ar ymadawiad cyfranddaliwr o bractis cyfreithiol, gan osgoi unrhyw ymgyfreitha ar ran y cwmni
- Gorfodi pridiant cyfreithiol dros eiddo i sicrhau dyledion busnes hanesyddol
- Negodi setliad sylweddol i weddw a gafodd ei dad-etifeddu gan ŵr yn dioddef o ddementia pan wnaeth ei ewylllys olaf.
- Hawliad esgeulustod proffesiynol yn erbyn cyfreithiwr am fethu â chynnwys hawliau angenrheidiol wrth brynu tir datblygu
- Datrys anghydfod cydberchnogaeth dros fferm yn dilyn marwolaeth y tenant oes
- Adfer ystyriaeth ohiriedig gwerth uchel yn llwyddiannus o dan ddau gytundeb prynu cyfranddaliadau ar wahân ar ôl gwerthu cartrefi gofal
- Adfer iawndal sylweddol yn llwyddiannus am dorri contract ar ôl i wneuthurwr derfynu contract gwerth miliynau o bunnoedd yn anghywir gyda'i gludwr
- Datrys yn llwyddiannus ar gyfryngu hawliad ecwitiol dros berchnogaeth lesiannol ar eiddo yn seiliedig ar estopel perchnogol
- Llwyddo i amddiffyn honiadau o gamliwio ar ôl gwerthu eiddo preswyl gwerthfawr

Arbenigedd

- Contract, perchnogaeth busnes ac anghydfodau cyfranddalwyr
- Hawliadau Esgeulustod Proffesiynol yn erbyn Cyfreithwyr, Penseiri a Chyfrifwyr
- Tir, terfyn ac eiddo Anghydfodau, gan gynnwys anghydfodau yn ymwneud â chydberchenogaeth eiddo
- Anghydfodau Profiant a hawliadau o dan Ddeddf Etifeddiant (Darpariaeth ar gyfer Teulu a Dibynyddion) 1975
- Hawl i Reoli a hawliadau Rhyddfrenio ar y Cyd
- Anghydfodau taliadau gwasanaeth
- Anghydfodau yn ymwneud â phrydlesi masnachol, gan gynnwys dadfeiliadau ac adnewyddu prydlesi.

Gyrfa

Profiad

- Partner, Darwin Gray - 2003 – heddiw
- Cyfreithiwr mewnol, y Peacock Group – 2002 - 2003
- Cyfreithiwr, Morgan Cole – 2001 – 2002
- Cyfreithiwr, Palser Grossman – 1997 - 2001
- Cyfreithiwr dan Hyfforddiant, Eversheds - 1995 - 1997

Addysg

- Coleg Lerpwl
- Athrofa Gwyddoniaeth a Technoleg Prifysgol Cymru, Caerdydd. BSc (Anrh) mewn Economeg
- Arholiad Proffesiynol Cyffredin yn y Gyfraith Prifysgol Morgannwg
- Cwrs Ymarfer Cyfreithiol Prifysgol Caerdydd
- Prifysgol y Gyfraith - ACTAPS

Aelodaeth

- Aelod Cyswllt o Gymdeithas yr Ymddiriedolaethau Cynhennus ac Arbenigwyr Profiant