



Adrian Marshall Williams

YEAR OF CALL: 1998



Adrian practices across the range of housing and property law. His practice encompasses many types of possession claims. He has wide-ranging experience of cases involving mental health or capacity issues and being instructed by the Official Solicitor on behalf of protected parties.

"His wide-ranging experience includes homelessness appeals, cases involving anti-social behaviour issues, service charges and disrepair."

LEGAL 500, 2021 (SOCIAL HOUSING)

"He has a keen eye for detail and will spot any novel or unusual legal or other argument that might be available, and will not be afraid to run with it."

LEGAL 500, 2020

"Thorough and pragmatic; he approaches difficult cases with scrupulous

rigour."

LEGAL 500, 2019

"An excellent, helpful barrister."

LEGAL 500 2017

"He has the knack for picking up subtle and unexpected arguments."

LEGAL 500 2016

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HOUSING LAW

Adrian's work in housing law has a significant focus on acting for occupiers in complicated anti-social behaviour cases, and raising public law defences as well as tenancy deposit scheme cases, succession cases, mortgage possession proceedings and claims under the Trusts of Land and Appointment of Trustees Act 1996. As an experienced property litigator he also advises and represents in other property related disputes such as service charges. He also regularly advises and represents clients in areas such as right to buy cases, unlawful eviction, harassment and disrepair.

COMMUNITY CARE LAW

Adrian has wide-ranging experience of cases involving mental health or capacity issues and being instructed by the Official Solicitor on behalf of protected parties.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND PUBLIC LAW

Public law work is a particular focus of Adrian's practice, centring on homelessness appeal in county courts

and judicial review cases in the High Court in housing and community care.

BACKGROUND

Adrian came to the bar through a commitment to human rights. He previously worked as a legal officer for Liberty doing policy work and test case litigation. He was also involved for many years in the management of Brixton Advice Centre.

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PUBLICATIONS

Adrian contributed chapters to the *Housing Law Handbook*, (Law Society, 2009) and written for Landlord and Tenant Review: 'The new affordable rent tenancies', volume 15, number 5 (2011).

He previously compiled *Legislating for Human Rights: The Parliamentary Debates on the Human Rights Bill* (Hart, 2000) and co-authored 'Hate Speech, Holocaust Denial and International Human Rights Law', *European Human Rights Law Review* (1999).

TRAINING AND SEMINARS

Adrian has extensive experience of providing training to solicitors, caseworkers and other advisors in housing and community care related issues.

EDUCATION

- MA (Edin)
- Diploma in Law 1997

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

- **Administrative Law Bar Association (ALBA)**
- **Housing Law Practitioners Association (HLPAs)**

LANGUAGES

- **Spanish**

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