

Liam Evans

Call: 2022

Specialist in:

- Housing & Community Care
- Inquests & Public Inquiries Team
- Court of Protection
- Family Law – Private
- Family Law – Public



Experience

Liam has a broad practice across Family Law, Housing and Community Care Law and Inquests and Inquiries. He is particularly interested in the overlap between these areas and is available to advise in relevant cases.

He has been praised by instructing solicitors for his “ability to get to grips with complex and serious cases” and for his pleadings, which have been described as “first class”. He is known to “go above and beyond for his clients” and has significant experience representing vulnerable individuals.

Family

Liam practises across private children and care work.

In his private children practice he is regularly instructed in complex multi-day fact-finding and final hearings. He has particular experience in cases involving allegations of coercive and controlling behaviour, honour-based abuse and parental alienation. He is known for his thorough approach to challenging cases to get to grips with tricky cases and secure excellent outcomes for his clients.

In his care practice, Liam represents parents and children. He has been instructed up to and including final hearings. He has been praised for working on cases above his year of call, including those involving allegations of serious sexual abuse and physical harm.



Housing and Community Care

Liam's housing practice encompasses both possession proceedings and homelessness. He has represented clients in cases involving rent arrears, ASB and other grounds for possession. He has particular experience of Equality Act 2010 issues arising in possession cases.

He is currently co-authoring a book with Jamie Presland for Law Brief Publishing entitled: "Housing Law for Family Lawyers". Given this expertise, he welcomes instructions on community care cases involving section 17 and section 20 of the Children Act 1989.

Court of Protection

Liam is developing a practice in the Court of Protection. He has been instructed in Court of Protection matters, and by the Official Solicitor in housing cases where his client has been found to lack capacity. He welcomes instructions in this area.

Inquests and Inquiries

Liam has been instructed to represent families and NGOs at pre-inquest review hearings and at inquests. He was instructed in a complex inquest into the death of a 29-year-old who took their own life outside the entrance to A&E hours after a Mental Health Act assessment deemed them not detainable under s.3 MHA. Liam represented a charity who were interested persons and provided support to the deceased, a non-binary autistic individual, prior to their death. The Senior Coroner made two PFDs, relating to the unsuitability of A&E for those requiring a mental health bed, gaps in psychosocial support service provision for TNBI adults, and a shortage of beds, particularly for autistic and transgender people. Further information can be found [here](#).

Prior to the Bar

Before joining chambers, Liam worked as a Committee Specialist at the Joint Committee on Human Rights, a Research Assistant at the Law Commission and a Judicial Assistant to Lord Justice Henderson.

He has volunteered at Lawyers in the Soup Kitchen, a community pro-bono organisation in Brixton which provides assistance to members of the public. He also previously volunteered at North London Coroners' Court, where he assisted the Coroner and Inquest Manager by



preparing case files for inquests.

Education

University of Law, Bar Training Course (Very Competent), 2024

University of Cambridge, LLM (First Class, 3rd in cohort), 2018

University of Cambridge, BA Law (First Class, 5th in cohort), 2017

Memberships

Family Law Bar Association

The Association of Lawyers for Children

Housing Law Practitioners Association

INQUEST

Young Legal Aid Lawyers

Awards

Baroness Hale of Richmond Scholarship, Gray's Inn

William Wade Prize for Civil Liberties and Human Rights, University of Cambridge

Gareth Jones Prize for the Law of Restitution, University of Cambridge

Rebecca Flowers Squire Scholarship, Clare College, Cambridge

Cases

Inquest into the death of MS

The inquest continues into the death of a 29-year-old autistic person with ADHD, outside Royal Sussex County Hospital hours after leaving A&E.

With a history of mental health and self-harm, the patient was admitted to A&E at Royal Sussex Hospital following suicidal ideation on two separate occasions.

Following an assessment under the Mental Health Act they were told they could leave the



hospital if they wished, and they did.

Less than two hours later they were admitted to the intensive care unit. They passed away 17 days later.

The inquest will consider the care and treatment received in the lead-up to their death in both hospitals and the community.

Further details about the inquest are viewable via INQUEST [here](#).

And, news coverage [here](#) via the BBC and The Argus.

The family are represented by INQUEST Lawyers Group members William Kenyon and Gabrielle Law of ITN Solicitors and Isabel Bertschinger of One Pump Court. They are supported by INQUEST senior caseworker, Selen Cavcav.

The family are also supported by The Clare Project, a community-led charity providing support for trans, non-binary and intersex adults. They supported and commissioned artwork from MS, and they were a much-loved service user. The Clare Project are being represented by Liam Evans of One Pump Court, with support from Good Law Project.

