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Bronwen specialises in asylum and immigration and children family law.

Family

Bronwen acts in all cases concerning the care and safeguarding of children. She also acts for both applicants and respondents in applications under the Family Law Act 1986 and 1996, and in matters concerning the inherent jurisdiction of the High Court.

Bronwen has considerable experience of private children law disputes, and has acted for parents, other relatives, and separately represented children. She has experience of contested applications for temporary removal from the jurisdiction, with successful outcomes for both applicants and respondents; jurisdictional disputes pursuant to BIIIR; fact-finding hearings; shared care arrangements; multi-party proceedings; and applications under s. 10 CA 89 for leave to apply for s. 8 orders, including in the context of post-adoption contact.

Bronwen's experience in public law proceedings includes interim and final contested hearings for care and supervision orders; s. 34(3) and (4) applications; secure accommodation; s. 8 and special guardianship orders as outcomes to care proceedings; private adoption; and application for permission to apply for the revocation of a placement order. She acts for all parties.

Bronwen also has experience of applications for orders for the location and return of children, as well as passport orders, under the inherent jurisdiction of the High Court and Chapter II of the Family Law Act 1996. She also acts for both applicants and respondents for Non-Molestation and Occupation Orders under the Family Law Act 1996, and Declarations of Status under the Family Law Act 1986.

Bronwen acts pro bono and has volunteered for BID, ADAP, the Bar Pro Bono Unit and Liberty. She has also travelled to Turkey (Istanbul and Gaziantep) to conduct trial and election observations on behalf of Peace in Kurdistan.

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Immigration

Bronwen acts for claimants and appellants in all matters concerning asylum, immigration, and nationality law.

Bronwen appears frequently in asylum appeals and also has experience of drafting fresh asylum representations. She advises in respect of applications under the immigration rules, including the Points-Based System, representing at appeals and drafting grounds of administrative review. She also represents EEA nationals and their family members.

Bronwen represents individuals relying on Article 8 both within and outside of the rules, and other discretionary leave to applications and appeals. Her cross-expertise in family law is particularly useful in cases involving the best interests of children pursuant to s. 55 of the 2009 Act.

Bronwen appears regularly in both the First-tier and Upper Tribunals and has also represented appellants at the Court of Appeal. She acts in judicial review proceedings in the Upper Tribunal and High Court and has represented claimants in damages for unlawful detention. She has knowledge of the law of age assessments and has prepared presentations and publications on the issue for a legal audience.

Notable cases

- *EV (Philippines) v SSHD* [2014] EWCA Civ 874: Bronwen was co-counsel for the appellants. The Court of Appeal delivered guidance on the best interests of children subject to immigration control.
- *Javed, R (on the application of) v SSHD* [2014] EWHC 4426 (Admin): Bronwen successfully represented the claimant. It was held that, for the purposes of section 4(1) of the Immigration Act 1971, valid notice of curtailment of leave to remain cannot be established by mere proof of delivery to the home address of the person affected, signed for by an individual unknown to that person.
- *PP (Sri Lanka) v SSHD C5/2014/0162* (permission application): Bronwen successfully represented the appellant at her oral renewed permission application in a case concerning the risk to lone Tamil women of return to the militarised northern and eastern provinces of Sri Lanka.
- *Onos v SSHD* [2016] EWHC 59 (Admin): Bronwen represented a mother and three children in their unlawful detention claim. The Court found that part of their detention was unlawful due to the Home Office's failure to follow its policy in relation to the removal notice periods and time limit for the detention of children.

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Animal Rights

Bronwen is an experienced public law specialist with a background in immigration and family law and a longstanding personal commitment to animal welfare and animal rights. She is a member of ALAW, the UK Centre for Animal Law and welcomes instructions in all areas of animal law.

Bronwen has experience of challenging public law decisions, particularly through judicial review in the immigration law context, and through the representation of parents in public law children proceedings. She also has an extensive background of using the law for the protection of vulnerable individuals throughout her practice, assimilating complex factual, legal, and expert evidence in the process. This skillset equips her well as potential junior disclosure counsel.

Bronwen has an interest in areas of criminal law related to animal rights, welfare, and activism, including charges against activists, and animal cruelty prosecutions, and a keen interest in the development of the law on legal personhood.

Public Law

Bronwen is regularly instructed on high profile and complex challenges, including judicial reviews and public law considerations in a variety of cases. She draws upon expertise in several different areas, including immigration, family law, EU law, and other areas of social welfare law.

She acts in judicial review proceedings in the Upper Tribunal and High Court and has represented claimants in damages for unlawful detention. She has knowledge of the law of age assessments and has prepared presentations and publications on the issue for a legal audience.

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