

My name is Rhys, I am a County Court Advocate with Quest Legal Advocates. After completing an LLB law degree at the University of Birmingham and the post-graduate Bar Professional Training Course in 2018, I joined Quest in 2019

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I wished to pursue a career as an advocate. As my preference was Civil Litigation, working with Quest was a great opportunity to develop the skills I had studied in an area of litigation I was always fond of.

After completing training, I began life at Quest taking instructions for Infant Settlement hearings and, as my confidence grew, I began to take on RTA Small Claims and Credit Hire trials. As I gained experience, I was able to take on a wider range of Civil matters from Applications for Relief from Sanction to CMC hearings. Throughout my development, assistance was never difficult to find, the helpful team at Quest was always happy to provide advice and support as I adjusted to legal practice as a County Court Advocate.

In the last 18 months, my caseload has largely transitioned to the Consumer Rights team dealing with claims regarding financial mis-selling. I attend 'Plevin' type disputes, as well as claims regarding Personal Contract Purchases for a wide range of clients. This work, while allocated to the Small Claims Track, provides an insight into how more complex claims may be dealt with on the Fast Track, with skeleton arguments routinely filed alongside bundles of authorities. Becoming accustomed to the court's approach in these matters was initially daunting, although conducting independent legal research to bolster my submissions remains ever satisfying.

In the 5 years I have worked at Quest I have greatly developed my advocacy skills and understanding of the legislation and case law surrounding a range of litigation areas. Dealing with a huge variety of instructions has given me exposure to a diverse range of professional and lay clients and I have met some fantastic and interesting people along the way.

I live in Coventry and tend to attend courts on the Midlands Circuit though from time to time have visited far flung courts. This has increased my knowledge of the Great British public transport system and independent coffee shops as much as anything else!

I am delighted to be part of Quest's 'Professional Development Scheme' and am currently in the process of revising for my SQE 1 and 2 exams further to which I hope to take on more complex work. Happily, several of my peers have already trodden this path and they are able to give me an idea of the workload to expect. While I reduce my appearances in court to focus on my studies, I look forward to taking on my Qualified Advocate training and hope to appear in Fast Track trials before the end of the year!

Above all, I am grateful for all the support that I have been provided with over my time spent at Quest. Taking instructions on a wide array of matters, gaining experience and the exposure I have gained to legal practice has been invaluable for my development as an advocate. For any aspiring advocates, I would recommend beginning your journey here at Quest, and I hope to meet you out on circuit!

Quest are delighted to be able to offer existing advocates the opportunity to take part in our Professional Development Scheme in 2025 with funded routes to further qualification. Applications and interviews will take place in Autumn 2024 and further information will be advertised on our website and social media in due course.