

Harding Evans Solicitors – Media Spokespeople

Headquartered in Newport since the 1870's and with an additional office in Cardiff, Harding Evans Solicitors are a full-service law firm, providing legal services for both individuals and businesses.

Our experienced and friendly solicitors have a wealth of knowledge and expertise and we have teams covering matters that include:

-  Residential Conveyancing
-  Wills & Probate
-  Family & Matrimonial
-  Clinical Negligence
-  Personal Injury
-  Commercial litigation
-  Property disputes
-  Actions against Police & Public Authorities
-  Inquest representation; including representing the Covid-19 Bereaved Families For Justice – Cymru, in the UK Inquiry
-  Employment law
-  Sports Law
-  Company & Commercial
-  Business Recovery & Insolvency

Following, you will find profiles for some of the key members of our team, covering all areas, who are available for media interviews and comment.

To arrange an interview with any of the Harding Evans team please, in the first instance, contact Haley Evans, Marketing & Communications Manager on 01633 760703, or email haley.evans@hevans.com







Clinical Negligence:



Ken Thomas – Partner/Owner

Ken is chairman of the board at Harding Evans and has worked on clinical negligence claims for over thirty years, obtaining over £30 million in compensation for clients who have suffered as a result of medical errors. He has an excellent reputation in the clinical negligence field, specialising in fatal injury and brain damage cases, and has previously been voted Welsh Lawyer of the Year.

Originally from west Wales but now based in Cardiff, where he lives with his wife and three daughters, Ken is able to comment on stories relating to:







-  Birth injury
-  Cosmetic surgery mistakes
-  Dental errors
-  Diagnosis errors
-  Head injuries
-  Medication and Prescription errors



Sara Haf Uren – Partner (Siaradwr Cymraeg)

A fluent Welsh speaker, Sara has worked in clinical negligence law since starting her career, progressing from a paralegal to Partner in 10 years. She specialises in birth injuries (particularly cerebral palsy), diagnosis errors, cosmetic surgery claims, psychiatric injuries and product liability cases.

Originally from Port Talbot, Sara went to a Welsh medium school in Swansea and is now based in Thornhill, Cardiff, where she lives with her husband and two daughters. A keen baker, having previously run her own online cake business, she is able to comment on stories relating to:





-  Birth injury
-  Cosmetic surgery mistakes
-  Dental errors
-  Diagnosis errors
-  Head injuries
-  Medication and Prescription errors



Emma Scourfield – Partner

Emma has been dealing with clinical negligence claims for over 25 years. She is a Senior Litigator with APIL, a Member of the AvMA's (Action Against Medical Accidents) Specialist Panel and is recognised as a Leading Individual in the field of Claimant Clinical Negligence in Wales by Legal 500. Emma is also recognised by Chambers and Partners for her expertise in the area of clinical negligence work.

Emma is originally from Maesteg in the South Wales valleys and whilst maintaining strong ties to the town, she now lives in Penarth with her husband and two children. Emma is able to comment on stories relating to:

-  Birth injury (particularly cerebral palsy)
-  Brain injury
-  Spinal injury
-  Amputation

Residential Conveyancing:



Wyn Williams – Partner/Owner (Siaradwr Cymraeg)

As well as being one of Harding Evans' three owners, Wyn is head of its award-winning residential property department. In 2016, aged 37, he became the firm's youngest ever equity partner. He has worked in residential conveyancing for 20 years and handles a range of residential property matters including sales, purchases, transfers of equity and remortgages and agricultural property.

Originally from Aberaeron, Wyn is a fluent Welsh speaker. He now lives in Radyr with his wife and three children and is a loyal Cardiff City supporter. He is able to comment on stories relating to:

-  The housing market in Wales and England
-  Legal issues surrounding residential property
-  The house moving process



Jamie Beese – Senior Associate Solicitor

Jamie is an Senior Associate Solicitor in our Residential Conveyancing team and is able to comment on stories relating to:

-  The housing market in Wales and England
-  Legal issues surrounding residential property
-  The house moving process

Public Law, inquests and inquiries








Craig Court – Partner

Craig heads up the Public Law and Private Litigation team at Harding Evans, having developed a niche specialism in pursuing complex public law actions, particularly those linked to civil liberties and human rights, such as death in custody, false imprisonment and unlawful arrest.

He is regularly instructed in high profile inquests including Article 2 inquests where deaths have occurred in state detention or as a result of state failings. Craig also specialises in bringing actions under the Human Rights Act and is a member of both the Police Action Lawyers Group and the Inquest Lawyers Group.

Craig heads up the team representing the Covid-19 Bereaved Families for Justice Cymru group at the UK Covid-19 Public Inquiry. As well as his public law specialism, Craig is also experienced in civil litigation and has represented many clients in residential landlord and tenant, property and social security matters.

Originally from Neath, Craig now lives in Newport and is a Swansea City supporter. He can comment on stories relating to:

-  Human rights law
-  Legal actions against the police and public authorities
-  Inquests
-  Landlord & Tenant disputes
-  The UK Covid-19 Inquiry and the campaign for an independent Welsh inquiry into Covid-19

Wills & Probate







Laura Selby – Partner

Laura is Head of Harding Evans' Wills and Probate department. She studied Law at Cardiff University and went on to complete the Legal Practice Course at Cardiff before qualifying as a solicitor in 2008. Laura has a Diploma in Trusts and Estates from the Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners and is a full member of STEP, the global professional association for practitioners who specialise in family inheritance and succession planning.

She specialises in preparing and advising on wills, trusts and powers of attorney, and deals with the administration of estates and of trusts. Laura also acts for clients as their attorney or deputy in cases where there is nobody else who would be suitable to act, and assists families with making applications to the Court of Protection.

Laura is able to comment on stories relating to:

-  Wills & Probate
-  Estate planning
-  Power of attorney
-  Court of Protection



Afonwy Howell-Pryce – Senior Associate Solicitor

Afonwy is based in Harding Evans' Cardiff office. She specialises in tax planning, Wills, Powers of Attorney and the Administration of Estates and Trusts and has advised personal representatives on complex estates including ultra-high net worth and cross border assets.

Afonwy is a full member of STEP, the global professional association for trust and estate practitioners who specialise in family inheritance and succession planning, and of Solicitors for the Elderly (SFE), a national organisation of solicitors specialising in elderly client law.

Afonwy is able to comment on stories relating to:

-  Wills & Probate
-  Estate planning
-  Power of attorney
-  Trusts

Family Law and Children Law:



Leah Thomas – Senior Associate Solicitor

Leah has been working in family law for over 9 years, since qualifying in March 2013. Originally from Aberdare, she studied Law at Cardiff University and now lives in Pontcanna.

Specialising in divorce and child arrangement disputes, Leah is able to comment on stories relating to:

-  Divorce
-  Financial arrangements upon divorce
-  Child arrangement disputes
-  Pre-nuptial agreements
-  Separation agreements
-  Cohabitation agreements








Siobhan Downes – Partner

Siobhan heads up the Children Law department and specialises in complex children law and family matters. She is a member of the Law Society's Children Panel and is regularly instructed by CAFCASS children's guardians and local authorities as well as private individuals.

She has extensive experience in domestic violence and harassment matters and applications for injunctions. Siobhan is also experienced in acting for parents who require representation through the Official Solicitor.

Siobhan lives in Newport and can comment on stories relating to:

-  Domestic abuse/harassment
-  Children law
-  Child protection
-  Abduction
-  Adoption



Emma Sweeney – Solicitor







Solicitor Emma has been part of the Children Law team at Harding Evans since August 2020. She studied Law with German at Cardiff University and Trier University in Germany and qualified as a solicitor in 2015.

Emma specialises in children matters and has extensive experience in care proceedings involving social services, regularly acting for parents in complex cases where there are concerns of serious non-accidental injury, fabricated induced illness, neglect, domestic abuse, sexual and emotional harm and parental drug and alcohol misuse.

She has also acted for asylum seekers with concurrent immigration proceedings and is used to representing parents where culturally sensitive concerns are prevalent, having dealt with numerous cases

involving Female Genital Mutilation and forced marriage. Emma is a member of the Cardiff & District Law Society LGBTQ+ Sub-committee.

Emma is able to comment on stories relating to:

-  Children law
-  Matters involving social services
-  Domestic abuse
-  Asylum seekers
-  Forced marriage
-  FGM

Commercial Litigation & Debt Recovery









Ben Jenkins – Partner

Ben is head of Harding Evans' Commercial Litigation team. He has developed specialisms in commercial litigation, construction disputes, injunctive relief, partnership and Director/Shareholders' disputes, property disputes, breach of contract disputes, defamation and professional negligence actions, including advocacy at court and mediation. Ben lives in Cardiff with his wife and two sons.

Ben's clients include PLCs and international companies, charities, professional sportsmen and professional sports clubs, as well as UK wide accountants and insolvency practitioners.

He can comment on stories relating to:



-  Commercial litigation
-  Legal disputes in construction and property
-  Director/Shareholders' disputes
-  Breaches of contract
-  Defamation
-  Professional negligence



William Watkins – Senior Associate Solicitor

William specialises in Debt Recovery and Commercial Litigation. He studied Law LLB at University of Warwick, and then went on to study LPC at Cardiff University.

Will is from Pontypridd and has been named as a Rising Star in the Legal 500 directory. He is able to comment on stories relating to:

-  Debt Recovery
-  Commercial Litigation

Commercial Property



James Young – Partner

Property department at Harding Evans Solicitors. James' particular areas of expertise are Commercial Landlord & Tenant disputes, commercial telecoms and technology.

James studied Law and French in Aberystwyth University and went on to complete a Masters in International Business Law and IT Law. Originally from Cowbridge, James can comment on stories relating to:

-  The commercial property market in Wales and the UK
-  Commercial landlord and tenant disputes





Employment Law



Daniel Wilde – Partner

Dan has worked in employment law for over 25 years and heads up the employment team at Harding Evans Solicitors. He has represented clients across the public and private sector and acted in many high profile, complex discrimination cases.

Dan lives in Usk with his wife and three children. He is able to comment on stories relating to:

-  Employment tribunals
-  Unfair dismissal/redundancies
-  HR consultancy
-  Discrimination in the workplace