

## William M Rees

CALL: 1973 (PRACTISING FULL-TIME AS A BARRISTER SINCE 1996)

- Public and Regulatory Law, especially Immigration
- Human Rights
- JRs & Education Law
- Employment & Discrimination Law
- Sports Law & Corporate Law  
Summary

Bill specialises in all aspects of Immigration, Nationality and Asylum Law.

He regularly appears on behalf of Appellants against the Secretary of State and Entry Clearance Officers, in the First-Tier Tribunal, IAC at its various hearing centres all over England and Wales as well as before the Upper Tribunal, IAC. He often appears too in judicial review cases whether in the High Court or in the Upper Tribunal, IAC. He has also appeared before the Court of Appeal.

In suitable cases Bill will undertake direct access work for members of the public.

He has had recent successes in deportation and fast track cases as well as in PBS, asylum, EEA and bail cases. He has a strong interest in cases involving children and their protection. He also represents sportsmen and women.

In Employment matters Bill appears on behalf of clients in particular in the Employment Tribunals all over the country and before the EAT. He has recently successfully represented employees in Judicial Mediations too.

With regard to Education Law, he particularly specialises in the Higher Education sector.

He has expertise in Corporate Governance and deals with subjects like directors' duties and shareholders' rights.

Bill is a highly practical, creative and fearless advocate, who fights very hard for all his clients. He seeks to make full use of the European Convention on Human Rights when appropriate.

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In this period of barristers having atomised specialisms, Bill strongly believes in seeing the bigger picture and seeks to make full use of his wide experience in his work as an advocate, negotiator and draftsman. He has a flexible fee charging structure and is prepared to take account of the means of the particular client wishing to instruct him. Please speak to his clerks about agreeing fees. He has also done a considerable number of cases pro bono in recent years.

Bill has served as a member of the Judiciary part-time for some 9 years earlier in his legal career, including as an Immigration Judge for 6 years and in the Social Security sphere for 3 years. He has been an independent expert to the European Commission in Brussels on redundancy and anti-discrimination law.

### **Training & Publications**

Bill has had extensive experience of conducting legal research, delivering practical training, and of university teaching as a Lecturer (at Cardiff and Durham Universities), as a Fellow (at Oxford and London Universities – Queen Mary and the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies), and as Professor of Law (at Iowa, USA, London Guildhall, Bournemouth, Brunel, Greenwich, and Hertfordshire Universities). He held sponsored Chairs at the last three named – by McKennas, Field Fisher Waterhouse, Stephenson Harwood & Pictons. Bill has had experience of working in senior positions in several large international law firms headquartered in the City of London. He has also published extensively in his areas of legal expertise. He was the Founding Director of the first LPC before serving as the Head of a University Law School. He was the Founding editor of 'The Journal of ADR, Mediation & Negotiation' at the turn of the century (published in association with the ADR Group and IALS).

He now appears as an advocate in mediations.

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