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Rhodri is a Senior Associate in the Corporate and Commercial team at Darwin Gray.

An experienced corporate lawyer, he regularly advises SMEs on corporate acquisitions, disposals and governance issues. Rhodri also advises founders and management teams on exits, buy-ins/outs and private equity transactions as well as fast growth companies or investors on venture capital investments, particularly high-net-worth individuals.

Before returning to his home city of Cardiff, Rhodri trained and worked in the City of London for a number of years working at leading international law firms on complex cross-border and high-profile M&A, private equity transactions and IPOs and fundraisings on London Stock Exchange.

Rhodri has particular experience in the entertainment, TV and Film industry where he advises television and film production companies and their founders on legal matters relating to co-productions, productions and related intellectual property matters.

A member of the Royal Television Society (RTS), Rhodri sits on the RTS board in Wales which is responsible for organising various events across Wales including the annual RTS Cymru Wales Awards.

Recent work

- Advised founders of an insurance brokerage on the sale of their company to a global insurance industry consolidator*
- Advised two founders on their exit from a specialist printing company undergoing a management buy-out process sponsored by Development Bank of Wales's Management Succession Fund*
- Merger of two specialist travel agency companies in the United Kingdom to create a combined specialist travel agency company*
- Advised founders of a virtual reality hardware and software company on a syndicated investment from high-net-worth individuals under the Development Bank of Wales's Angels Invest Wales programme*
- Syndicate of high-net-worth individuals under the Angels Invest Wales programme on their investment in a start-up climate positive challenger bank*
- Syndicate of private investors on their equity investment in a fledgling online publishing company*
- Advised two founder/directors on the exit of the third founder/director from their company*
- Advised shareholder managers of a folding carton manufacturer on the terms of their new governance documents*
- Advised a UK based lender on its £200m credit facility from a New York based hedge fund*
- Small Self-Administered Scheme (SSAS) pensions in the United Kingdom on third party and employer sponsored loans
- Advised two veteran producers on the incorporation of their jointly held intellectual property rights ownership limited liability partnership*
- Advised a podcast production company on a co-production agreement with another production company*
- Advised a television production company on a co-production agreement with another production company for the development and production of a documentary and a drama*
- Advised a hospitality and leisure company on its licensing agreement with an EFL Championship football club*
- Advised a fashion model on the transfer of their intellectual property rights to a holding company
- Advised a television producer on shareholder matters relating to a jointly held television production company

* Rhodri joined Darwin Gray in October 2023 and the above transactions were advised on prior to his joining.

Expertise

- Mergers, acquisitions and disposals
- Private equity investments
- Venture capital investments
- Corporate governance and directors' duties
- Commercial agreements
- Media and entertainment
- TV and Film

Career

Experience

- Senior Associate 2023 – present
- Hugh James (including Loosemores Solicitors) – 2021 – 2023
- Acuity Law – 2018 – 2020
- Eversheds Sutherland – 2015 – 2018
- Pinsent Masons – 2010 - 2015

Education

- Cardiff University
- University of Law
- University of Westminster
- Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Glantaf

Membership

- Law Society of England and Wales
- Royal Television Society