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**Background**

Rachael McAdorey attained a degree in Law with Business Studies (LLB Hons) from Magee College, University of Ulster. Rachael joined Carson McDowell in 2007 as an Apprentice, and gained her professional qualifications from the Institute of Professional Legal Studies, Queen's University, Belfast. Rachael qualified as a Solicitor in 2009, and joined the Healthcare Team, part of the Litigation Department. Rachael was appointed as an Associate Solicitor in 2015.

Rachael specialises in Healthcare, assisting Doctors and Dentists in Northern Ireland, on the instructions of Medical and Dental Defence Organisations in relation to Regulatory/Professional Discipline issues and Inquests. Rachael is currently assisting a number of Doctors involved in the Inquiry into Hyponatraemia Related Deaths. Rachael has assisted Pharmacists on the instructions of the National Pharmaceutical Association.

Rachael also presents seminars to junior Doctors and medical students. The Healthcare Team is widely recognised as a leader in Chambers and Partners and the Legal 500.

**Experience**

Rachael's breadth of experience includes:

**Public Inquiries**

- Assisting and representing a number of Doctors at the Inquiry into Hyponatraemia Related Deaths since its commencement in February 2012. The Hyponatraemia Inquiry concluded oral hearings in November 2013, and Rachael continues to represent several Doctors following the publication of the Chairman's Report.

**Inquests**

- Assisting Doctors in preparing for, and representing at, Inquests.

### **Judicial Review**

- Assisting several Doctors in bringing Judicial Review proceedings against the General Medical Council;
- Representing a Doctor (as an Interested Party) defending Judicial Review Proceedings.

### **General Medical Council**

- Assisting in the Team that successfully appealed a Determination of the Fitness of Practise Panel to the Court of Appeal in Belfast, resulting in a finding of impaired fitness to practise and sanction being overturned in relation to sexual assault allegations;
- Assisting and representing Doctors at all stages of the General Medical Council process, including Medical Practitioners Tribunal and Interim Orders Tribunal Hearings in misconduct, health and performance cases.

### **General Dental Council**

- Assisting and representing Dentists at all stages of the General Dental Council process, including Investigating Committee Hearings, and Professional Conduct Committee Hearings, in relation to misconduct, health and performance cases.

### **Disciplinary Procedures**

- Assisting in advising clients on all aspects of Health and Social Care Trust Disciplinary procedures. Rachael was part of a Team that successfully brought breach of contract proceedings against a Health and Social Care Trust for suspending a doctor.

### **Pharmaceutical Society**

- Assisting and representing Pharmacists in relation to Pharmaceutical Society Investigations in relation to dispensing errors and regulatory issues;
- Assisting Pharmacists in PSNI investigations/PACE interviews.

### **Seminars**

- Provides seminars for the Northern Ireland Medical and Dental Training Agency to junior Doctors in clinical notekeeping, risk management and minimising the risks of clinical negligence claims and regulatory/professional discipline proceedings;

- Delivers presentations to Queens University Medical Students on good clinical records;
- Presented at the Dental Protection Dento Legal Study day on consent issues.