

Carol Day

Curriculum Vitae

Profile

An experienced environmental lawyer specialising in access to environmental justice, biodiversity protection and marine and fisheries law. Extensive experience of representing the interests of civil society in environmental issues (including participatory rights) within the voluntary sector and (more latterly) the commercial environment.

Work History

Leigh Day - Head, Environmental and Planning Litigation Service (EPLS) September 2013 to date (part-time)

The EPLS provides legal advice to individuals and NGOs wishing to pursue Judicial Review in relation to environmental matters. The role requires liaison with potential clients, identifying the legal issues in question and instructing counsel to advise. As part of this process, the EPLS also runs courses and events, commissions research and provides commentary on topical issues.

Leigh Day is widely regarded as one of the UK's leading law firms specialising in claimant environmental work. Its "commitment to ensuring justice for clients" ensures that it is consistently ranked in the top band for environmental work (Chambers & Partners) and as a first-tier firm for public law cases (Legal 500) in the legal directories. More information about the EPLS can be found here: <http://www.leighday.co.uk/Asserting-your-rights/Human-rights/Environmental-Litigation-Service>

RSPB - Legal Consultant

September 2013 to date (part-time)

Provision of legal advice to RSPB Legal Team on a range of environmental issues, including (primarily) access to environmental justice and biodiversity protection.

WWF-UK - Senior Planning Officer and Solicitor

May 1991-September 2013

Advising in-house policy staff on using the law to achieve campaign objectives across a range of environmental issues, including biodiversity (species and habitat) protection, forestry, marine and fisheries and climate change/energy.

Between 2004 and 2013, I also acted as Coordinator of the Coalition for Access to Justice for the Environment (CAJE, comprising seven leading UK NGOs) focusing on participatory rights and the implementation of the Aarhus Convention in the UK. The role required high-level liaison with the judiciary, MPs, MEPs, frequent lobbying, publishing articles in legal journals and public speaking. The focus of CAJE's activities was the reform of the costs rules in the UK so that legal action complied with the requirements of Article 9 of the Aarhus Convention with regard to "prohibitive expense". CAJE pursued a number of activities including a complaint to the European Commission and acted as *Amicus curiae* to the Compliance Committee with respect to Decision IV/9i (Communication C33 concerning the UK).

Head of Conservation, Surrey Wildlife Trust

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May 1989 – May 1991

Head of Conservation Department supervising planning issues (Forward Planning and Development Control) and nature reserve management in Surrey.

Membership of Professional Bodies and Groups

Member of the Law Society

Vice-Chair of the Legal Strategy Group, Wildlife & Countryside Link (of which 46 UK NGOs are members)

Trustee, CHEM Trust (working on toxics and environmental pollution)

Qualifications

Solicitor (2002)

College of Law (1999-2000)
Legal Practice Course

College of Law
Common Professional Examination (1997-1998 – distance learning)
Commendation

University College, London
MSc Nature Conservation (1987-1988)

De Montfort University, Leicester (1982-1985)
BSc Environmental Sciences (2(i))