



## Eleanor Grey KC

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*"She is a star - so calm and professional."* Chambers and Partners, 2022

*"Very forensic and impressive in her grip of complex medical matters. She sees the issues that matter and the strategic dangers of a case incredibly well. A real force in any inquiry involving health-related issues."* The Legal 500, 2022

Eleanor Grey KC took silk in 2011. She has a thorough understanding of public authorities, especially within the health and social care sector, and of disciplinary and regulatory proceedings. Clients include the Department of Health and Social Care, NHS England, the Professional Standards Authority and the General Medical Council, as well as numerous other public bodies.

Eleanor is one of the most experienced practitioners at the Bar in the field of inquiries, reviews and investigations. She is currently leading the Department of Health and Social Care's response to the Infected Blood Public Inquiry, as well as acting for NHS England in the Covid-19 Inquiry. She represented the Labour Party in the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse.

In 2014, Eleanor was appointed as a Visiting Judge of the Upper Tribunal (Administrative Appeals Chamber). She has also been appointed a Deputy High Court Judge.

## Areas of expertise

Inquiries and Investigations

Administrative and Public

Regulatory and Disciplinary

Healthcare

## Regulatory and Disciplinary

Eleanor frequently acts for regulators such as the Professional Standards Authority and the General Medical Council and the General Optical Council. She often represents regulators in appeals to the High

Court and Court of Appeal, drawing on her knowledge of administrative law.

She has represented former Primary Care Trusts in hearings before the Family Health Services Appeal Unit (FHSU). She has acted for pharmaceutical managers in 'control of entry' cases concerning the right to set up new pharmacies.

She has acted as a legal advisor to bodies such as the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, the General Social Care Council and the British Psychoanalytical Council. She chaired two Working Parties for the GMC in 2008, looking at its case management procedures.

#### Cases of note:

- **PSA v GMC and [2022] EWHC 2075 (Admin)** -Charges brought by the GMC were inadequate and should have reflected further aspects of a practitioner's misconduct.
- **Professional Standards Authority for Health and Social Care v General Optical Council [2021] EWHC 2888 (Admin)** - The proper consideration of risk in circumstances in which an optician had failed to properly examine an eight-year-old boy who later died from a treatable condition which should have been spotted by her.
- **R(Kuzmin) v General Medical Council [2019] EWHC 2129 (Admin)** - Divisional Court: the Medical Tribunal is entitled to draw adverse inferences from a practitioner's silence.
- **R(Husband) v General Dental Council [2019] EWHC 2210 (Admin)** - The proper interpretation of the GDC's Rules on a 'no case to answer' submission.
- **General Medical Council v Chandra [2019] EWCA Civ 236 [2019] 2 WLUK 381 [2018] EWCA CIV 1898** - The importance of the over-riding objective: the Medical Tribunal's proper approach to applications for restoration to the Medical Register.
- **General Optical Council v Clarke [2018] EWCA Civ 1463** - Court of Appeal decision on the relevance of retirement to fitness to practise proceedings.

#### Recommendations

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- *"Very persuasive in her presentation to the court."*(The Legal 500, 2020)
- *"Eleanor offers a consistently great service. She offers good tactical advice as well being technically excellent on the law."* (The Legal 500, 2022).
- *"Demonstrates notable skill in regulatory and disciplinary matters concerning the health and social care sectors. Her experience in public law makes her adept at disciplinary appeals in the High Court. She often acts for regulators such as the PSA and the GMC in high-profile cases, including those where their decisions are challenged."*(Chambers & Partners, 2020)
- *"Eleanor is a class act. She is very calm and clear in her advice, and very measured. She has been working on very sensitive subject matters and does it in a very thoughtful and considered way."* (Chambers and Partners, 2022)
- *"Eleanor is an amazing human being, and one of the nicest people at the Bar."*(Chambers & Partners, 2020)
- *"...She's a solid silk with a lot of government experience, and she does a lot of freedom of information work."*(Chambers & Partners, 2020)
- *"Responsive and approachable. She has a deep understanding of both the legal principles involved in the cases we have worked on, and the healthcare policy and political context in which the decisions challenged were made. An impressive advocate who inspires confidence with her mastery of the brief and her ability to present arguments in a highly persuasive way."*(Chambers & Partners, 2020)

#### Memberships

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- Administrative Law Bar Association

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