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Katie Scott advises and represents a broad range of clients in community care, mental health, and human rights claims. She specialises in welfare, medical treatment and property and affairs disputes in the Court of Protection (where the dispute concerns an incapacitated adult) or the family division (where the dispute concerns a child).

She is currently instructed as one of the junior counsel to the Infected Blood Inquiry and appears regularly at inquests (specialising in deaths that arise in hospitals).

She is an accredited mediator. She mediates a wide range of disputes, with a special focus on disputes in respect of incapacitated adults.

Katie has many years of experience working with vulnerable clients and witnesses and has had vulnerable witness training.

Areas of expertise

Court of Protection and Medical Treatment

Inquiries and Investigations

Administrative and Public

Alternative Dispute Resolution

Healthcare

Administrative and Public

Katie has extensive experience of public law in the field of mental health and community care. As well as appearing at First-tier Tribunals and the administrative court, she has also brought and defended claims in the County Courts and High Court concerned with charges under community care legislation and for restitution.

Katie advises and represents a variety of claimants and defendants in human rights claims, including claims for breaches of articles 2, 3, 5 and 8 of the Human Rights Act 1998 (HRA). She has a particular interest in human rights claims that arise in a clinical context.

Katie also accepts instructions for inquests, particularly those invoking article 2 of the European Convention on Human Rights, and specialises in deaths in hospital.

Katie is an accredited mediator. She mediates a wide range of disputes, with a focus on disputes

concerning incapacitated adults.

Cases of note

- ***Southend-on-Sea Borough Council v Meyers* [2019] EWHC 399 (Fam)** - A case in which the court examined the availability of the inherent jurisdiction to protect an elderly man from the neglect of his son.
[Judgment](#)
- ***Richards v Worcestershire County Council and another* [2017] EWCA Civ 1998** - A claim for restitution arising from section 117 of the Health Act 1983.
[Judgment](#)

Recommendations

- *"She is a really personable advocate."* Chambers and Partners 2023
- *"She has a sharp and incisive legal brain."* Chambers and Partners 2023
- *"A very reliable junior who absorbs information and complex legal arguments incredibly quickly."* The Legal 500 2023
- *"She is one of the most sensible advocates I've ever come across, insofar as she has a particular gift for identifying the central point in a case, and she's imaginative in trying to find solutions."* Chambers and Partners 2019

Memberships

- Court of Protection Bar Association

Qualifications

Education

- 1998 – 1999 Inns of Court School of Law: BVC: Very Competent
- 1997 – 1998: BPP Law School: CPE: Distinction
- 1994 – 1995: University College London: MA Hons: Anglo-American Literary Relations
- 1991 – 1994: University of Surrey/University of Manchester: BA Hons English: 2:1

Scholarships and Prizes

- 1997 – 1998 – BPP: Prize for most outstanding exam performance
- 1997: Lincoln's Inn Scholarship

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