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Annabel specialises in public law and human rights, in particular, in healthcare and mental capacity law. She also accepts instructions in commercial and construction law.

As a public lawyer, her broad experience encompasses areas such as: judicial review, human rights, mental capacity, mental health, inquests, education, information rights, community care, healthcare, immigration and public international law. Annabel regularly appears in a wide range of courts and tribunals, including the High Court.

Annabel is consistently recommended as a leading junior for Administrative and Public Law (including Local Government) and Court of Protection (Health and Welfare) by The Legal 500 and Chambers and Partners.

Areas of expertise

Administrative and Public Law

- Education Law
- Health and Social Care
- Immigration and Asylum
- Inquests and Inquiries
- Information Rights
- Public International Law

Commercial Law

Mental Capacity and Mental Health

Regulatory and Disciplinary

Administrative and Public Law

Annabel has a broad practice in all areas of public law and human rights. She is recommended as a leading junior for Administrative and Public Law (including Local Government) by Legal 500.

Her recent work includes:

- **R (Keppel) v Medway CCG and others [2020] EWHC 372 (Admin)**: advising and representing the claimant in a judicial review challenge to the reconfiguration of stroke services across Kent and Medway.
- **R (Nettleship) v South Tyneside CCG [2020] EWCA Civ 46, [2019] EWHC 2052 (Admin)**: represented the claimant in a judicial review challenge to the reconfiguration of stroke, maternity and gynaecology, and paediatric services at Sunderland and South Tyneside Hospitals.
- **R (Hinsull) v Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group [2019] EWCA Civ 1412, [2018] EWHC 2331 (Admin)**: represented the successful defendant clinical commissioning group in the Administrative Court and Court of Appeal in a challenge to the decision to reconfigure acute and community healthcare services across Dorset (led by Fenella Morris QC)
- **R (Conway) v Secretary of State for Justice [2018] EWCA Civ 1431, [2018] EWCA Civ 16, [2017] EWHC 2447 (Admin), [2017] EWCA Civ 275, and [2017] EWHC 640 (Admin)**: represented the claimant, Noel Conway, in high profile litigation concerning the lawfulness of assisted dying; challenging the prohibition on assisted suicide as incompatible with the Human Rights Act 1998 in the Administrative Court, Court of Appeal and Supreme Court (led by Alex Ruck Keene, Richard Gordon QC, Nathalie Lieven QC and David Pannick QC).
- **R (Keep Wythenshawe Special) v Central Manchester CCG [2016] EWHC 17 (Admin)**: represented the claimant in a judicial review challenge to the reconfiguration of hospital services across Greater Manchester (led by Fenella Morris QC).
- **R (on the application of OH) v London Borough of Bexley [2015] EWHC 1843 (Admin)**: represented the defendant local authority in a judicial review challenge to a community care package as sole counsel.
- **R (Gordon-Jones) v Secretary of State for Justice [2014] EWHC 3997 (Admin)**: represented the successful claimant in a high profile challenge to the prison book ban (led by Jenni Richards QC and Victoria Butler-Cole).
- **Williams v Patrick and others [2014] EWHC 4120 (QB)**: represented three Labour Party Councillors in a High Court election petition as sole counsel.
- **R (Dewhirst) v South Tees NHS Trust**: advised and represented the defendant NHS Trust in a judicial review claim challenging the emergency closure of some A&E services at the Friarage Hospital (led by Nigel Pleming QC)

Shortly after pupillage, Annabel was awarded the Pegasus Scholarship and undertook a 3-month traineeship at the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg.

Annabel is currently appointed to the Attorney General's London C Panel of Counsel and the Equality and Human Rights Commission C Panel of Counsel.

Recommendations

"She is extremely efficient, responsive and hard-working. Her skeleton arguments are exceptional." Chambers and Partners (2021)

"Very responsive and good at communication. Her drafting and advocacy are excellent-she is always in full control." Chambers and Partners (2021)

"Annabel's drafting is very succinct, very clear and detailed. Her advocacy is very persuasive and she is

indeed a very good negotiator at the pre-hearing discussions with the other party's set."The Legal 500 (2021)

*"Annabel is a very conscientious and hard-working junior counsel with a real eye for detail. She is also very personable and easy to work with."*The Legal 500 (2021)

*"She is a good advocate – she focuses her points and deals with matters very carefully."*Chambers and Partners (2020)

"She is always on top of the latest legal developments and thinks outside the box to find the right solution for the client." "Very approachable and thorough."Chambers and Partners (2020)

*"Thinks outside the box to find the right solution for the client."*The Legal 500 (2020)

*"A conscientious junior with a real eye for detail."*Legal 500 (2020)

*"She is an excellent junior: sharp, clever, and with an amazing ability to take on cases at last minute with a very busy diary."*Chambers and Partners (2019)

*"Annabel is really good with clients in stressful situations, and she's able to stand her ground with senior barristers in cases."*Chambers and Partners (2019)

*"She is excellent, reliable, inventive and intelligent. Annabel is willing to go the extra mile and is very professional."*Chambers and Partners (2018)

*"I think she adds a real vibrancy, she's really passionate and great with the clients in court. She really thinks creatively about problem solving."*Chambers and Partners (2018)

Appointments

- Equality and Human Rights Commission C Panel of Counsel
- Attorney General's London C Panel of Counsel (from 1 March 2019 to present).
- UK Supreme Court Judicial Assistant to Lord Clarke of Stone-cum-Ebony and Lord Carnwath of Notting Hill (September 2013 to August 2014).
- Trainee (Pegasus Scholar) at the European Court of Human Rights, Strasbourg (September to December 2012).

Memberships

- Advocates for International Development (A4ID)
- British Institute of International and Comparative Law (BIICL)
- Constitutional and Administrative Law Bar Association (ALBA)
- Court of Protection Bar Association (CPBA)
- Human Rights Lawyers Association (HRLA)

Qualifications

- BVC, City Law School (2009-10) LLM
- (Public Law & Human Rights) (Distinction) UCL (2008-09)
- BA (Law), University College, Oxford (2005-08)

Prizes and Scholarships

- Pegasus Scholarship (ECtHR), Inner Temple (2012)

- Colombos Public International Law Prize, Middle Temple (2011)
- Athens Scholarship, Administrative Law Bar Association (2011)
- Queen Mother Scholarship, Middle Temple (2009)
- World Finalist, Jessup Public International Law Moot Court Competition (representing UCL) (finished 2nd in world) (2009)
- Best Respondent Memorial, Jessup Public International Law Moot Court Competition (UK rounds) (2009)
- National Finalist, The Times/Herbert Smith National Advocacy Competition (2008)
- Winner, Oxford Law Society Crown Office Mooting Competition (2008)
- National Finalist, Bar National Mock Trial Competition (2004 & 2005)

Additional Information

Publications

- Court of Protection Practice 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020 (forthcoming) Editor, Jordan Publishing
- Court of Protection Law Reports, Editor, Jordan Publishing
- Disciplinary and Regulatory Proceedings (8th edition) – Contributor, Jordan Publishing
- Atkin's Court Forms: Human Rights volume 21(3) (2014) (with Hodge Malek QC, Jenni Richards QC and Jennifer Thelen)
- Wilmot-Smith on Construction Contracts (3rd Edition) – Contributor, Oxford University Press 2014
- McManus, Education and the Courts (3rd edition, 2012) (contributor)
- Administrative Court Digest (regular contributor)

Articles

- Withdrawing life-sustaining treatment: a stock-take of the legal and ethical position (2019) Journal of Medical Ethics (with Alex Ruck Keene)
- Managing Cuts Lawfully (2016) ELGLB Apr, 7-22 (with Fenella Morris QC)
- Focus on Article 13 ECHR (2015) JR 20(1), 33-41 Deprivation of Liberty Update (2015) Eld LJ 5(4), 415-519 (with Alex Ruck Keene)
- Managing Cuts: Lawful Decision-Making, PSED and Consultation (2015) Eld LJ 5(2), 182-189 (with Fenella Morris QC)
- Testamentary Capacity [2013] Eld LJ 272 (with Alex Ruck Keene)
- Update: Court of Protection (with Alexander Ruck-Keene) S.J. 2013, 157(33) Supp (Private Client Focus)

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