



## Annabel Lee

Year of call: 2010

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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

## -- Inquests and Inquiries

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Annabel regularly appears in inquests including those concerning Article 2 ECHR. Her work includes:

- Acting for the family of the deceased who died in prison.
- Acting for a hospital in an Article 2 inquest concerning the death of a patient detained under the Mental Health Act 1983.
- Acting for an NHS Trust concerning the suicide of a mentally-ill patient who had been discharged from hospital.
- Acting for the family of the deceased in an inquest concerning a death on train tracks.

Annabel is currently instructed as junior counsel to the Infected Blood Inquiry, led by Jenni Richards QC, and chaired by Sir Brian Langstaff.

## Recommendations

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*"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

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- 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

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- 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

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- 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

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### 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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