



## Anna Bicarregui

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*“Very committed and personable, she has a very good manner with clients and is excellent in court.”* Chambers and Partners

*“Anna is a top-quality advocate who always remains calm and in command of both the witness and the case. She has excellent judgement in inquiries, understanding how really to make a difference for her clients.”* The Legal 500 2023

Anna is a public lawyer who specialises in education law. Anna advises on all aspects of education law from admissions to exclusions, special educational needs, educational negligence, discrimination, academy conversion, higher education disciplinary matters. She regularly appears in the First-tier Tribunal, Upper Tribunal and High Court on education matters.

Between 2016 and 2022, Anna was one of the junior counsel to the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse, working on the residential schools investigation, the Anglican investigation and as part of a team drafting the final report.

Anna has extensive experience of Court of Protection (COP) work, providing training on Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLS) and other aspects of the COP to local authorities and organisations. She regularly appears in both the Court of Protection and the High Court in deprivation of liberty cases.

Anna regularly advises on employment matters and appears in the employment tribunal and employment appeal tribunal. She is often instructed on employment matters which are related to educational institutions.

## Areas of expertise

Education

Court of Protection

Inquiries and Investigations

Employment

## Court of Protection

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Anna regularly appears in the Court of Protection, appearing for both local authorities, individuals, NHS trusts and the Official Solicitor. She has extensive experience of DoLS-related matters and has acted in many complex section 21A challenges with related Human Rights Act damages claims.

### Cases of note:

- ***D (A Child)* [2017] EWCA Civ 1695** - This significant ruling by the Court of Appeal concerned the extent to which parents are able to consent to the confinement of their incapacitated children in light of Cheshire West.  
[Judgment](#)
- ***SL, Re* [2017] EWCOP 5** - Case on litigation capacity in which Anna represented P, by her litigation friend the Official Solicitor  
[Judgment](#)
- ***X v A Local Authority & Anor* [2014] EWCOP 29** - Whether P, who suffered from Korsakoff's syndrome, lacked capacity to make decisions as to residence, treatment and care plan.  
[Judgment](#)

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