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"A very good advocate who is gifted on his feet." Chambers and Partners 2022

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Ian is a specialist in public, human rights and regulatory law.

Ian's practice encompasses a variety of areas but is primarily focused on safeguarding adults, mental capacity, medical treatment, sport and criminal justice issues.

Ian's practice crosses borders, he does not only work in England and Wales but often advises as to issues involving Scotland, Ireland, British Overseas Territories and countries within the European Union. Ian is frequently instructed by charities, non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and companies with an international reach, especially in respect of safeguarding matters.

Alongside Ian's advisory and advocacy practice, he acts as a trainer, investigator and adjudicator. Ian sits as HM Assistant Coroner for Kent, is a chair and member of the Football Association's Safeguarding Review Panel and is Legally Qualified Chair and Hearing Body Panel Member for British Equestrian.



Areas of expertise

Court of Protection - Welfare

Court of Protection - Property and Affairs

Medical Treatment Cases

Administrative and Public

-- Civil Liberties and Human Rights
-- Education
-- Inquests
-- Parole Board and Prisons
-- Safeguarding
Investigations
Sport
Regulatory

Medical Treatment Cases

Ian has an established medical treatment practice in respect of both children and adults who lack capacity to make decisions as to their treatment. Ian has a particular interest in treatment decisions for prisoners and other detained persons. Ian has acted and advised in a number of food refusal cases.

Ian has acted in a number of urgent out of hours medical treatment cases which have ranged from obstetrics to blood transfusions to limb amputation. Ian's work in this area is ranked by Chambers and Partners and The Legal 500.

Cases of note:

- ***PH (By his litigation friend, the Official Solicitor) v Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board* [2022] EWCOP 16** - Various medical treatment decisions alongside complex welfare proceedings for a man with a long history of mental health difficulties.
Judgment
- ***University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust v AS, M, F* [2021] EWHC 2927 (Fam)** - Application by hospital trust for determination as to what treatment is in best interests of four-year-old child suffering from Krabbe Disease, a life-limiting genetic disorder.
Judgment
- ***Re TW* [2021] EWCOP 13** - Following a catastrophic stroke from which the 50-year-old patient would not recover in any meaningful way, it was no longer in his best interests for the continuation of ventilatory support and likely invasive treatment.
Judgment
- ***Livewell Southwest CIC v MD* [2020] EWCOP 57** - Orders for a full dental clearance for a morbidly obese 24-year-old man with learning disabilities, paranoid schizophrenia and ADHD and a possible diagnosis of autism.
Judgment
- ***The Hospital v JJ* [2019] EWCOP 41** - Application by the hospital trust that it was in the P's best interests to use all reasonable and proportionate measures, including physical restraint, to administer insulin to him.
Judgment

Recommendations

"He is user-friendly, very generous with his time and knows a lot about the way the prisons and probation interface with Court of Protection issues, which is really helpful in complex cases." Chambers & Partners UK, 2022

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is adept at putting clients at ease and is always very approachable."The Legal 500, 2022

"Ian's knowledge of this area of law is endless; there is nothing he does not know. In cross-examinations he leaves no stone unturned and always ensures the best job is done for the client." Chambers & Partners UK 2021

*"Ian is a robust and punchy advocate, very well liked and respected, who always gives good, practical advice. Extremely hard working and highly intelligent barrister who works on complex issues quickly and efficiently."*The Legal 500 2021

"He is knowledgeable, takes a no-nonsense approach and he is very good at problem solving. He very quickly gets straight to the heart of the issues." "An incredibly passionate advocate." Chambers & Partners UK 2020

*"Incredibly bright, articulate, approachable, and responsive."*The Legal 500 2020

"He's a real rising star in the Court of Protection – he's always really responsive, is very skilled in cross-examination and he's easy to work with." "Ian's drafting and advocacy is always so concise." Chambers & Partners UK 2019

Memberships

- Court of Protection Bar Association (CPBA)
- The Coroners' Society for England and Wales
- Amicus ALJ

Qualifications

Education

- Jurisprudence, BA Hons (Oxon), Lincoln College, Oxford University
- BVC, College of Law

Scholarships and prizes

- Hardwicke Entrance Scholarship, Lincoln's Inn
- Tancred Student, Lincoln's Inn
- Shelford Scholarship, Lincoln's Inn.

Additional information

Appointments

- HM Assistant Coroner for Kent
- Chair and Member of the Football Association's Safeguarding Review Panel
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Languages

- French (conversational)
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