



Ian Brownhill

Year of call: 2009

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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

-- Inquests

Ian has acted as counsel in a huge variety of inquests. The majority of Ian's inquests arise from custodial or health and social care contexts. Ian is especially sought where there are issues in respect of the deceased's mental capacity.

Ian is instructed by other coroners to act as counsel to the inquest and in respect of judicial review claims and fiat applications.

As a coroner, Ian has presided over a number of jury inquests and conducted the whole range of coronial work. Ian does not accept instructions in his coronial jurisdiction of Kent.

Cases of note:

- **Inquest touching upon the death of GS** - Inquest into the death of a man who died after the ambulance service failed to convey him to hospital while suffering from alcohol withdrawal. Prevention of future death reports were made by the coroner.
Judgment
- **Inquest touching upon the death of Edward Ham** - Inquest into a prisoner who died after receiving sub-optimal medical care.
Media
- **Inquest touching upon the death of Phil Townshend** - Inquest into the unexpected death of a politician.
Media
- **Inquest touching upon the death of Tyrese Glasgow** - Inquest into the death of a 12-year-old schoolboy.
Media

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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"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
- Legally Qualified Chair and Hearing Body Panel Member for British Equestrian.

Languages

- French (conversational)

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