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Eliza specialises in complex Court of Protection health and welfare proceedings, including serious medical treatment, cross border cases, and cases where there is an overlap with the inherent jurisdiction. Eliza has a background in family law and has a special interest in cases involving the deprivation of liberty of children or young people.

Eliza advises and acts in associated civil, public law and human rights claims arising out of the above, including breach of Article 5 and 8 and claims relating to children (for example, failure to remove/unlawful removal/unlawful use of section 20).

Eliza has been recognised as a leading junior in public law matters, specialising in health care and Care Act 2014 decision making. Eliza also has particular expertise in cases involving the extent of local authority duties towards children in/leaving care and children with additional needs.

Eliza undertakes inquests, with a particular focus on cases where there are allegations of breach of statutory duty causing or contributing to the death.

Eliza also acts in property and affairs matters and is a qualified (ADR Group) mediator, and a participating mediator in the Court of Protection Mediation Pilot Scheme.

Areas of expertise

Court of Protection and Medical Treatment

-- Court of Protection - Welfare

-- Court of Protection - Property and Affairs

-- Medical Treatment Cases

-- Urgent applications

Administrative and Public - Healthcare

-- Community Care and Mental Health - Healthcare

-- Inquests - Healthcare

-- Mediation Services - Healthcare

Civil Liberties and Human Rights

Abuse

-- Community Care and Mental Health - Healthcare

Eliza specialises in community care law matters with a focus on health and social care (e.g. breach of duty under the Care Act 2014, section 117 aftercare, and the National Framework for Continuing Healthcare).

Eliza advises on ordinary residence disputes (including recovery of care fees) and has successfully taken numerous referrals to the Secretary of State for determination.

Eliza has a special interest in local authority duties towards children in/leaving care and disabled children and has provided detailed guidance regarding such matters in Chapter 5 of the 3rd Edition of the Community Care Law and Local Authority Handbook.

Eliza contributed to *Patterson & Karim on Judicial Review* (Third Edition, 2019): Chapter 1: Grounds of Judicial Review.

Recommendations

"She's good on the law, knows her subject and she gives practical advice."

"She's always on top of her cases and is a super-calm presence in any situation. She's always the most prepared person in the room, and for that reason she's just a dream to work with." "Her advice is very thorough, she is incredibly knowledgeable and she thinks outside of the box to solve problems. She spots issues before they arise."

Knows the law inside out and has a great manner in court – she is the full package." Chambers and Partners 2021

"Eliza is a fantastically safe pair of hands. She knows her stuff, procedurally, practically, legally and she has a calm and sensible court manner than instills confidence and aids negotiation and compromise."

"One of the finest advocates working in the Court of Protection." The Legal 500 2020

"She's just super, and she's always the most organised person in the room. She gets to the heart of the matter and puts the case on track, and she's super responsive and very proactive." "She is very clever, very forthright and is unflappable and sympathetic when dealing with vulnerable people."

"An excellent barrister." Chambers and Partners 2020

"She is outstanding in every way and knows the law inside out. She's a very organised, calm and measured presence in court. She is completely unflappable. She has this sort of zen aura about her, which comes from being super-prepared and working very hard." Chambers and Partners 2018

"Recommended for adult welfare cases." The Legal 500 2018

"She is very thorough, capable in court and popular with solicitors." "She works incredibly hard, turns work around quickly, is very well prepared and equally at home acting for claimants as public authorities." Chambers and Partners 2017

"A very approachable, calm and thorough advocate." The Legal 500 2016

"She is sensible and calm, and her advice is always sound." The Legal 500 2016

"Able to skilfully manage the more challenging judges."

The Legal 500 2015

Memberships

- Northern Circuit
- Court of Protection Practitioners Association (COPPA)
- Court of Protection Bar Association (COPBA)
- The Honourable Society of the Inner Temple

Qualifications

Education

- 2004-2007 – University of Bristol (BA Hons English Literature) (First class)
- 2007-2008 – University of West End (Graduate Diploma in Law) (Distinction)
- 2008-2009 – University of West England (Bar Vocational Court)

Scholarships and Prizes

- Inner Temple – Major Exhibition award (2007)
- Inner Temple – Peter Fordham Scholarship (2007)
- Inner Temple – Duke of Edinburgh Scholarship (2007)
- Bristol University – Tucker Cruise Prize (2006)

Additional information

Appointments

- Crown Counsel – Falkland Islands 2010
- Junior of the Northern Circuit - 2013
- Called to the Bar of the Cayman Islands - 2013

Publications

- Community Care Law and Local Authority Handbook (Third Edition, 2015): Chapter 5 – Provisions for Older Children (Leaving Care), Disabled Children and Financial
- Obligations of Local Authorities Towards FamiliesThe Provision of Secure Mental Health Facilities Across and Outside Wales: Lexis®PSL 21/01/016
- Patterson & Karim on Judicial Review (Third Edition, 2019): contributed as an author to Chapter 1 – Grounds of Judicial Review

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