



Eleanor Grey KC

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"She is a star - so calm and professional." Chambers and Partners, 2022

"Very forensic and impressive in her grip of complex medical matters. She sees the issues that matter and the strategic dangers of a case incredibly well. A real force in any inquiry involving health-related issues." The Legal 500, 2022

Eleanor Grey KC took silk in 2011. She has a thorough understanding of public authorities, especially within the health and social care sector, and of disciplinary and regulatory proceedings. Clients include the Department of Health and Social Care, NHS England, the Professional Standards Authority and the General Medical Council, as well as numerous other public bodies.

Eleanor is one of the most experienced practitioners at the Bar in the field of inquiries, reviews and investigations. She is currently leading the Department of Health and Social Care's response to the Infected Blood Public Inquiry, as well as acting for NHS England in the Covid-19 Inquiry. She represented the Labour Party in the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse.

In 2014, Eleanor was appointed as a Visiting Judge of the Upper Tribunal (Administrative Appeals Chamber). She has also been appointed a Deputy High Court Judge.

Areas of expertise

Inquiries and Investigations

Administrative and Public

Regulatory and Disciplinary

Healthcare

Inquiries and Investigations

Eleanor has superb experience in the field of Public Inquiries and non-statutory investigations, particularly in the healthcare sector.

She started her practice in this area in 1999 as Junior Counsel to the Bristol Royal Infirmary Public Inquiry. She has since acted as Counsel to the Inquiry in other, as well representing Core Participants in the Hutton Inquiry (where she acted for the House of Commons), the Mid-Staffordshire Public Inquiry (for the Healthcare Commission) and the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (both for the Labour Party and a group of schools). She is currently leading the Counsel team for the Department of Health and Social Care in the Infected Blood Inquiry, as well as gearing up for the Covid-19 Public Inquiry, in which she represents NHS England.

Eleanor has a keen interest in non-statutory investigations. She chaired a Review of the Disclosure and Barring Service's barring functions, and a further investigation into paediatric cardiac surgery in Bristol.

She has carried out private investigations into other challenging situations, including in disciplinary matters.

Recommendations

- *"Very persuasive in her presentation to the court."* (The Legal 500, 2020)
- *"Eleanor offers a consistently great service. She offers good tactical advice as well being technically excellent on the law."* (The Legal 500, 2022).
- *"Demonstrates notable skill in regulatory and disciplinary matters concerning the health and social care sectors. Her experience in public law makes her adept at disciplinary appeals in the High Court. She often acts for regulators such as the PSA and the GMC in high-profile cases, including those where their decisions are challenged."* (Chambers & Partners, 2020)
- *"Eleanor is a class act. She is very calm and clear in her advice, and very measured. She has been working on very sensitive subject matters and does it in a very thoughtful and considered way."* (Chambers and Partners, 2022)
- *"Eleanor is an amazing human being, and one of the nicest people at the Bar."* (Chambers & Partners, 2020)
- *"...She's a solid silk with a lot of government experience, and she does a lot of freedom of information work."* (Chambers & Partners, 2020)
- *"Responsive and approachable. She has a deep understanding of both the legal principles involved in the cases we have worked on, and the healthcare policy and political context in which the decisions challenged were made. An impressive advocate who inspires confidence with her mastery of the brief and her ability to present arguments in a highly persuasive way."* (Chambers & Partners, 2020)

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