



## Fenella Morris KC

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*"She is an absolutely superb practitioner, who is fearless, knowledgeable and a brilliant advocate. She is extremely articulate and judges like her."*

### Chambers and Partners

Fenella Morris KC is a versatile advocate with a wide-ranging practice that encompasses public law, professional discipline and regulation, healthcare and education, pensions and financial services, local government, and procurement and state aid. She is consistently ranked highly in the legal directories.

Her clients include regulators (from the Professional Standards Authority for Health and Social Care to the Pensions Regulator and Civil Aviation Authority) and those whom they regulate, from the largest private health and social care providers, to nomads on the AIM. She acts for a huge range of NHS bodies, universities, local authorities, trade unions, sporting organisations and non-governmental organisations (NGOs).

She appears in many landmark cases and has a wealth of experience as an advocate up to the Supreme Court and European Court of Human Rights. She is skilled at leading large multi-disciplinary teams in high-value, high-controversy litigation, and understands the issues that arise for high-profile institutions and individuals.

Fenella mediates and arbitrates diverse disputes and is a member of the Sport Resolutions' Panel of Arbitrators and Mediators. She carries out sensitive investigations, most recently into UKAD's Operation Blackout, was counsel to the Independent Medicines and Medical Devices Safety Review and is instructed in the Covid Inquiry.

Fenella was awarded 'Professional Discipline Silk of the Year' at the Chambers UK Bar Awards 2021, and was The Times' Lawyer of the Week, 16 July 2020. She is joint head of chambers' Public Law team and a Bencher of Middle Temple.



### Areas of expertise

Administrative and Public  
Regulatory and Disciplinary  
Healthcare  
Education  
Local Government  
Court of Protection  
Consultation  
Human Rights and Civil Liberties  
Procurement  
Sport  
Alternative Dispute Resolution

## Regulatory and Disciplinary

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*"Extremely good, very authoritative. She's very impressive." "Always user-friendly and provides excellent advice."* Chambers and Partners 2022

Fenella's regulation and discipline practice traverses the whole field of regulation and discipline: health and social care professionals, law, accountancy and financial services professionals, educational professionals, veterinary professionals, and health, education and financial institutions. She appears in many of the leading cases, represents individuals and regulators in the most difficult disciplinary and regulatory hearings and often advises on contentious policy and individual issues.

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### Cases of Note

- ***R (Shawbrook Bank Ltd and others) v Financial Ombudsman Service* [2023] EWHC 1069 (Admin)** – FOS decision on banks' involvement in lending to purchasers of timeshare upheld
- ***Professional Standards Authority for Health and Social Care v GMC and Dr Lingam* [2023] EWHC 967 (Admin)** – successful appeal against decision of GMC concerning doctor's improper prescribing
- ***Malik v Government of HMP Hindley (No. 2)* [2022] EWHC 2684 (Admin)** – struck off barrister not entitled to act as representative at hearing
- ***Professional Standards Authority v General Optical Council and Rose* [2021] EWHC 2888 (Admin)** - Successful appeal against decision of committee not to erase an optometrist who failed properly to examine a child.
- ***GMC and Professional Standards Authority v Bramhall* [2021] EWHC 2109 (Admin)** - Successful appeal against decision of a tribunal not to erase a surgeon who marked his patients' livers.
- ***Professional Standards Authority v General Pharmaceutical Council and Ali* [2021] EWHC 1692 (Admin)** - Successful appeal against a decision of the committee not to discipline a pharmacist who made antisemitic statements.
- ***R (Barking and Dagenham College) v Office for Students* [2019] EWHC 2667 (Admin)** - Higher education institution's challenge to regulator's algorithm-based decision.
- ***Bawa-Garba v GMC and others* [2018] EWCA Civ 1879** - Leading case on approach to health

care professionals found guilty of gross negligence manslaughter.

- ***Wingate and another v Solicitors Regulation Authority* [2018] EWCA Civ 366** - Leading case on lack of integrity and dishonesty.
- ***R (Grace Bay II Holdings Sarl and others) v Pensions Regulator* [2017] EWHC 7 (Admin)** - Successful defence of challenge to Pensions Regulator's procedures.
- ***R (May) v Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA)* [2013] EWHC 1574 (Admin)** - Accountant's challenge to disciplinary decision of CIMA Appeal Committee..
- ***Macleod v Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons* [2006] UKPC 39** - Interpretation of the Medicines Act 1968 and the Veterinary Surgeons Act 1966.

## Recommendations

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Fenella is recommended by all the major directories for Administrative and Public Law, Professional Discipline, Healthcare, Local Government, Education, Community Care and Court of Protection.

### Quotes

*"Fenella is approachable and easy to work with and gives clear, helpful advice."* Chambers and Partners 2024 (Community Care)

*"She is a high-quality practitioner."* Chambers and Partners 2024 (Local Government)

*"Fenella is the best advocate on her feet in this area. She gives really strong and easy to understand advice."* Chambers and Partners 2024 (Professional Discipline)

*"Fenella is highly intelligent with very clever arguments. She's also a great team player and is excellent with clients."* Chambers and Partners 2024 (Professional Discipline)

*"My number-one go-to for professional disciplinary matters."* Chambers and Partners 2024 (Professional Discipline)

*"Fenella is a strategic thinker and an effective advocate, who is able to resolve problems effectively."* Chambers and Partners 2024 (Administrative & Public Law)

*"She is a good advocate, who is calm and collected; a go-to for public law matters focused in healthcare and mental health."* Chambers and Partners 2024 (Administrative & Public Law)

*"Fenella is very accessible and extremely practical in her approach."* Chambers and Partners 2024 (Court of Protection: Health & Welfare)

*"Fenella is a star and a public law all-rounder. She has excellent insight and is extremely good with clients."* Chambers and Partners 2024 (Education)

*"Fenella is a go-to KC for complex public law issues. She can think through a thorny issue and provide advice with great clarity."* Legal 500 2024 (Education)

*"Fenella has intellectual rigour, and she can think through a thorny issue and provide advice with great clarity."* Legal 500 2024 (Administrative Law and Human Rights)

*"An outstanding silk."* Legal 500 2024 (Professional Disciplinary and Regulatory Law)

*"She is sharp, analytical, pragmatic and commercial."* Legal 500 2024 (Public Procurement)

*"Excellent intellectual rigour."* Legal 500 2024 (Local Government)

*"Fenella is astute and pragmatic. She is a real team player who goes out of her way to support her clients and instructing solicitors. She is at the top of her game and a real ambassador for women at the Bar."* The Legal 500 2023

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*management. She always works as part of the team and is a pleasure to work with.*"The Legal 500 2023

*"Excellent legal knowledge combined with a deep understanding of the public sector decision making framework. She provides pragmatic advice which clients understand. This enables clients to deal with the real world problems and find solutions."*The Legal 500 2023

*"She is a very strong advocate and is lovely to work with. "She is very easy to work with, really analytical and a great advocate."*Chambers and Partners 2022

*"She's extremely sharp on the analysis and provides very clear answers. There's no beating about the bush. "She has excellent rapport with the court."*Chambers and Partners 2022

*"Very analytical and a great advocate. She's also down to earth and easy to work with."*Chambers and Partners 2022

*"An experienced public law QC who provides a fantastic service to her clients."*Chambers and Partners 2022

*"An effective advocate who is very popular with her instructing clients. "Fenella handled a ground-breaking case very well."*Chambers and Partners 2022

*"Very friendly, bright in the law and intelligent. Really impressed with the way she puts things across in court; judges seem to listen to her. "Extremely good, very authoritative. She's very impressive. "Always user-friendly and provides excellent advice."*Chambers and Partners 2022

*"Fenella is great for high level, complex, high profile cutting edge work. Has a good understanding of the health sector."*The Legal 500 2022

*"Able to deal extremely well with complex and novel issues"*The Legal 500 2022

*"Fenella is fantastic in court."*The Legal 500 2022

*"Great on complex, cutting-edge high-profile cases, and an excellent advocate with good leadership skills."*The Legal 500 2022

*"She is excellent on her feet, and is able read the court and advance arguments in the most persuasive manner."*The Legal 500 2022

## Appointments

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Bencher of Middle Temple, June 2018

## Memberships

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- ALBA
- ARDL
- Trustee of the Free Representation Unit

## Qualifications

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- CEDR-accredited mediator, 2002
- Pegasus Scholarship (New Zealand), 1998
- Diploma in Law, City University, London, 1989
- BA (Hons), PPE, Wadham College, Oxford, 1987

## Publications

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Fenella is the co-author of two editions of the Law Society's guide to the Mental Capacity Act. She is a contributor to the joint Law Society and BMA Guidance on the Assessment of Mental Capacity. She wrote the chapter on Health Law in the UK Supreme Court Yearbook 2016-17.

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