



## Victoria Butler-Cole KC

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*"A truly outstanding advocate."* Chambers and Partners 2022

Victoria specialises in health and social care. Her work includes public law, community care, Court of Protection, medical treatment disputes involving babies and children, inquests, human rights claims, and regulatory appeals. She is the co-founder with Alex Ruck Keene of the 39 Essex Mental Capacity Report, and is recognised as one of the leading barristers in this field, having appearing in many of the leading cases. She is presently Vice-Chair of the Court of Protection Bar Association. Victoria has a particular interest in ethics and is a member of the Nuffield Council on Bioethics and a member of the advisory group to the UK Pandemic Ethics Accelerator. She sits as a recorder on the Western Circuit.

## Areas of expertise

Court of Protection - Welfare

Court of Protection – Property and Financial Affairs

Medical Treatment Cases

Administrative and Public

Community care and mental health

Inquests

Regulatory and disciplinary

Mediators

## Community care and mental health

Victoria has worked on cases concerning community care and mental health throughout her career and has a comprehensive knowledge of the area. Her expertise in related areas such as human rights and mental capacity is invaluable, and she has advised individuals, carers, local authorities and charities on issues such as ordinary residence, s117 of the Mental Health Act 1983 aftercare, Care Act duties, community treatment for mental disorders, continuing healthcare eligibility, service re-provision and direct payments.

### Cases of note:

- *Cumbria, Northumberland, Tyne & Wear NHS Foundation Trust and Another v EG* [2022] COPLR 83 - Options for the deprivation of liberty of conditionally discharged MHA patients

- *R (Worcestershire County Council) v Essex County Council* [2014] EWHC 3557 (Admin)  
- Determining residence under s.117(3) MHA 1983

## Recommendations

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Victoria is recommended for Court of Protection, administrative and public law, community Care, civil liberties and human rights, and disciplinary and regulatory law.

*"She is a go-to Court of Protection barrister – she knows the law like the back of her hand."* Chambers and Partners 2022

*"Victoria is a completely unflappable barrister; she can cut through the nonsense, and she is brilliant with clients."* Chambers and Partners 2022

*"She makes the difficult stuff look easy."* Chambers and Partners 2022

*"She strikes the right balance between humanity and academic ability."* Chambers and Partners 2021

*"Not only is she an excellent advocate with an excellent knowledge of the law she is also a very worthy opponent who fights for her clients."* The Legal 500 2021

*"A fantastic advocate."* The Legal 500 2021

## Memberships

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- JUSTICE
- Association of Disciplinary and Regulatory Lawyers
- Inquest Lawyers Group
- Court of Protection Bar Association (Vice-Chair)

## Qualifications

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- MA Medical Law and Ethics, King's College London
- MA Philosophy, University of Cambridge
- BVC, BPP Law School
- CPE, City University

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