



Alexis Hearnden

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Alexis Hearnden is an experienced advocate with a successful regulatory and public law practice. She acts for regulators and those they regulate across a range of professions, including solicitors, doctors, dentists, fertility clinics, architects, vets, and osteopaths before tribunals, in judicial review proceedings and in statutory appeals. In the world of sport, she advises sport national governing bodies, particularly in safeguarding matters.

Alexis regularly represents family members, local authorities, health authorities and the Official Solicitor in the Court of Protection, which complements her broader public law work in the areas of mental health, community care and healthcare.

She is recommended as a leading junior by Chambers & Partners in the areas of Professional Discipline and in the Court of Protection, and by The Legal 500 for Professional Discipline. Alexis was nominated for Professional Discipline Junior of the Year at the Chambers UK Bar Awards 2020.

Areas of expertise

Disciplinary

Regulatory

Court of Protection and Medical Treatment

Community care and mental health

Sport

Sport

Alexis's recent work has a particular focus on safeguarding and fairness in disciplinary proceedings. She is a member of the Sport Resolutions Pro Bono Panel and is involved in the National Safeguarding Pilot and has been appointed as a Specialist Member to the Sport Resolutions Arbitration panel. She was selected to be part of an ad hoc panel providing advice and representation to athletes and officials at the 2019 Doha World Athletics Championships.

Recent Sports safeguarding advisory work has included:

- Acting as an independent supervisor of a major investigation by a national governing body into alleged sexual misconduct by a coach.

- Advising a National Governing Board (NGB) Safeguarding Officer on the conduct of a safeguarding investigation.
- Drafting charges against coaches and advising on issues concerning confidentiality, disclosure and fairness.
- Advising on data protection issues arising in a safeguarding investigation.
- Advising an NGB in a case concerning allegations of historic child sex abuse.

She has written in the Sports Resolution Newsletter about the IAAF Regulations on hyperandrogenism from a human rights perspective (with Fenella Morris KC) and on athlete human rights (with Ian Brownhill).

Recommendations

"She's fantastic. Really smart and well regarded." "A very capable and accomplished junior." "Very good on her feet and knows the law well." Chambers and Partners

"A very calm and measured barrister who manages difficult clients really well." Chambers and Partners

"Alexis has an incisive eye, cutting through excess detail to get to the central issues of a case quickly and always provides very clear and sensible advice." The Legal 500

"Absolutely phenomenal." "She is very good, experienced, committed to this kind of work and she does it well." "A good junior with an excellent eye for detail." Chambers and Partners

"A very sensible and realistic advocate." "She is meticulous in her preparation and she brings a good, pragmatic approach to court. She's very well regarded by peers and solicitors as well as judges." Chambers and Partners

"Alexis is easy to work with and builds a good relationship with our clients. She is also effective in dealing with expert evidence." The Legal 500

"Alexis is thorough and detailed in her advice. Her drafting is excellent, and she has a reassuring and measured approach to difficult and complex issues." The Legal 500

"Excellent with clients and extremely quick." Chambers and Partners

"She is fast becoming a go-to barrister for cases where creative thinking is required. She works incredibly hard, and nothing is too much for her." Chambers and Partners

"She comes across exceptionally well and all of her submissions are incredibly thorough. One of those people who has a fantastic bank of knowledge to call on and is a genuinely nice person to work with." Chambers and Partners

Memberships

- Constitutional and Administrative Law Bar Association (ALBA)
- Association of Regulatory and Disciplinary Lawyers (ARDL)
- Court of Protection Bar Association (CPBA)
- Justice
- South Eastern Circuit

Qualifications

Education

2004-2005: Inns of Court School of Law. BVC – Very Competent.

2003-2004: City University. CPE – Commendation.

2000-2003: Mansfield College, Oxford. BA (Hons) (Politics, Philosophy, Economics) 2:1.
1993-2000: Newstead Wood School for Girls.

Scholarships and prizes

2003-2004: Ashworth Scholarship Award, Inner Temple.

2000-2003: Mansfield College, College Exhibition Award for academic excellence.

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