



## Fiona Paterson KC

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Before taking Silk Fiona was a member of the Attorney General’s A Panel of Junior Counsel.

She has appeared in a number of landmark cases before the Supreme Court and Court of Appeal, representing vulnerable adults, children, NHS trusts and government departments, both with leading counsel and alone.

Described as a “delight to work with” and “very understanding of the client’s needs” Fiona was a solicitor for nine years specialising in all aspects of medical law before coming to the Bar.

She is also CEDR trained mediator and has mediated a wide variety of disputes both as a lead and assistant mediator.

## Areas of expertise

Court of Protection and Medical Treatment

Administrative and Public

Regulatory and Disciplinary

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Fiona has extensive experience as both a solicitor and barrister of representing registrants before all of the

major clinical regulators. She also advises regularly on appeals, judicial review challenges and injunctive relief against various regulators. Her background in clinical negligence and public law mean that she not only has a grasp of the forensic issues, but also the remedies available to registrants facing unfairness.

She has also advised and represented the Professional Standards Authority for Health and Social Care.

### Cases of note

- ***Professional Standards Authority v HCPC and Yong* [2021] EWHC 52 (Admin)** - Represented the Professional Standards Authority for Health and Social Care in an appeal to the High Court from a disciplinary panel of the Health and Care Professions Council. The court held that the panel had erred in finding that a social worker's inappropriate behaviour towards six female colleagues was not behaviour "in a harassing manner" or sexually motivated. The panel had failed to consider that the council was subject to the public sector equality duty imposed by s149 of the Equality Act 2010 and had failed to consider the statutory definition of harassment in s26 of the Equality Act 2010.

### Recommendations

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Fiona has received the following recommendations:

*"Fiona has the ability to grapple with the most complex cases."* Chambers and Partners 2023

*"She is really good on her feet and in negotiation."* Chambers and Partners 2023

*"She is robust and really fights the client's corner."* Chambers and Partners 2023

*"Brilliant written and oral submissions. Very knowledgeable in this area of law. Is always fully engaged with a case, no matter how big or small the issue is."* The Legal 500 2023

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*"Her written submissions are excellent...she is extremely reliable."* The Legal 500 2022

*"Thinks very well on her feet."* Chambers and Partners 2021

*"Very skilled and highly sensitive. Great on detail."* The Legal 500 2021

*"[Fiona] is able to think broadly about a case but also provide expert advice on very specific issues that other barristers would not have knowledge of."* The Legal 500 2021

*"A formidable advocate" and "an amazing lawyer."* Chambers and Partners 2020

*"One of the leading lights in admin and public law."* The Legal 500 2020

### Memberships

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- The Constitutional and Administrative Bar Association [ALBA]
- Court of Protection Bar Association
- Justice

# Qualifications

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## Education

- 2003 CEDR Qualified Mediator
- 2000 Qualified as a Solicitor in England and Wales
- 1994 Qualified as a Solicitor in Scotland

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