

## Childbirth and the Court of Protection

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2017

**This seminar will take a critical look at forced caesarean decisions in the Court of Protection including:**

- What is the appropriate threshold for capacity to make childbirth decisions? How does the court's assessment of capacity in childbirth compare to capacity to make other reproductive decisions?
- What evidence does the court use to assess a woman's best interests in childbirth? Are there more sources of evidence on which the court could draw?
- How can the court be better informed of the woman's preferences?
- What role does safety of the foetus play in decision-making?
- What is the procedure for bringing these cases to court? Can it be improved?

### Speakers include:

- [Professor Lesley Page CBE](#), President of The Royal College of Midwives
- [Dr Daghni Rajasingam](#), Consultant Obstetrician, Guys and St Thomas's NHS Foundation Trust
- [Dr Jo Black](#), Consultant Psychiatrist and Clinical Director for Perinatal Mental Health at NHS England
- Polly Sands, specialist perinatal mental health midwife at Guys and St Thomas's NHS Trust
- Seaneen Molloy-Vaughan, writer, mental health [blogger](#), and mum of one
- [Elizabeth Prochaska](#), Matrix Chambers and Birthrights
- [Victoria Butler-Cole](#), 39 Essex Chambers

### Venue:

39 Essex Chambers  
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### Timings:

5.00pm – 7pm

Refreshments will be provided after the seminar

### To reserve a place please contact:

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