

Aisling Campbell

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Aisling joined Chambers in September 2018 following the completion of her pupillage under the supervision of Helen Mulholland KC, Richard Livingston and Sam Karim KC.

Aisling practises predominantly in the Court of Protection, specialising in health and welfare cases. She also accepts instructions in all areas of clinical negligence work.

Aisling is committed to promoting equality and diversity. She is a member of the recruitment committee and mentors pupils in Chambers.

Expertise

Court of Protection

Aisling represents protected parties, health bodies, local authorities and family members. Her work includes applications under both Section 21A and Section 16 of the Mental Capacity Act 2005, particularly those involving complex best interests decisions.

Aisling is also instructed in serious medical treatment cases, most recently those involving the COVID-19 vaccine, end of life care and bilateral leg ulcers.

Aisling regularly appears in the National DOLS Court at the Royal Courts of Justice and the Family Division of the High Court. She acts on behalf of NHS Trusts in applications arising out of the deprivation of liberty of children and young people in hospital settings. Aisling is therefore experienced in dealing with issues surrounding physical restraint, chemical sedation and parental responsibility. One of Aisling's cases was reported in The Guardian in October 2022: https://www.theguardian.com/society/2022/oct/12/judge-approves-unlawful-placement-for-girl-13-at-risk-of-suicide

Aisling can offer specialist advice on:

- cases concerning sexual relations. She regularly deals with TZ-style care plans before Tier 3 judges and recently appeared in the Court of Appeal in a landmark case focusing on the Sexual Offences Act 2003 ([2021] EWCOP 25; [2021] EWCA Civ 1527);
- issues of ineligibility (under Schedule 1A to the Mental Capacity Act 2005 and the Mental Health Act 1983);
- transparency and Practice Direction 4A to the Court of Protection Rules 2017;
- cases involving fluctuating capacity and anticipatory declarations; and
- applications concerning contact restrictions, both within the Court of Protection and under the inherent jurisdiction of the High Court. This includes
 injunctive orders and contempt proceedings.

Furthermore, Aisling represents the Public Guardian, professional deputies, local authorities and family members in cases involving lasting powers of attorney and

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Clinical Negligence and Healthcare

Aisling is regularly instructed in cases concerning hospitals, GPs, dentists and other healthcare providers.

Her practice involves a range of clinical negligence claim, including misdiagnosis, delayed diagnoses, substandard treatment and consent. Aisling has experience of dealing with complex issues of liability and quantum.

Aisling has particular expertise in cases that intersect with the Court of Protection.

Memberships

- Middle Temple
- Northern Circuit
- CoPPA

Education and Awards

- BPTC BPP University Law School, Manchester
- BA Hons (Jurisprudence) Magdalen College, University of Oxford
- Lowry-Calvert Scholarship Middle Temple
- Littleton Chambers Labour Law Prize University of Oxford

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