

## **DEBRIEF: A Kings Chambers Podcast Factsheet**

### **EPISODE 3 – THE ROLE OF THE CORONER**

Rachel Galloway, Assistant Coroner, talks with Nigel Poole QC about the role of the Coroner, with a focus on Inquests into deaths in a healthcare setting. These Inquests can involve complex medical evidence, and concerns about the care given to the deceased. How are these deaths investigated? Who is the Coroner and how are they appointed? What is the Coroner's role and how is it determined which deaths are investigated and which are not? What questions have to be answered at an Inquest? What is an article 2 Inquest? What conclusions may a Coroner reach?

The discussion in this episode covers issues of how evidence is gathered for an Inquest, including documentary, witness and expert evidence; who is an interested party; and when is an Inquest held with a jury.

#### Cases referenced in the Podcast

- [R \(Maughan\) v HM Senior Coroner for Oxfordshire \[2018\] EWHC 1955 \(Admin\)](#)
- [R \(Parkinson\) v HM Senior Coroner for Kent \[2018\] EWHC 1501 \(Admin\)](#)
- [Lopes de Sousa Fernandes v Portugal \(app. no. 56080 / 13\)](#)
- [Savage v South Essex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust \[2008\] UKHL 74](#)
- [Rabone v Pennine Care NHS Trust \[2012\] UKSC 2; \[2012\] 2 AC 72](#)
- [Tyrrell v HM Senior Coroner Darlington and Durham \[2016\] EWHC 1892 \(Admin\)](#)

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### **Rachel Galloway**

*Rachel developed her practice almost exclusively in the fields of clinical negligence, personal injury and coronial law. Her work spans cases of all values, including high value claims arising out of road traffic accidents or medical negligence, she also has significant experience in fatal accident claims. Rachel was appointed to the Attorney General's provincial panel of Counsel in 2012 and in 2018 was appointed as an Assistant Coroner in the Manchester (West) coronial area.*

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