

## ELIZA SHARRON

Year of call: 2009

Qualifications: BA (Hons) in English Literature, Graduate Diploma in Law, B.V.C.

Clerked by: Gary Smith Mark Ronson Jake Brooke

**AREAS OF EXPERTISE:**

Administrative & Public Law Court of Protection & Mental Health  
Health and Social Care Inquests Judicial Review Local  
Government



### Profile

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Eliza specialises in all fields of Court of Protection work, including property and affairs, health and welfare, serious medical treatment, and associated human rights matters. Eliza also specialises in cases that involve safeguarding vulnerable adults within the inherent jurisdiction of the High Court.

Eliza regularly acts on behalf of the Official Solicitor for protected parties, as well as acting for local authorities, NHS bodies, Clinical Commissioning Groups and individuals/family members.

Eliza undertakes inquest work and judicial review work with a particular interest in cases involving the extent of local authority duties towards young people and their families.

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### Areas of Expertise

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#### Administrative & Public Law

#### Court of Protection & Mental Health

Eliza regularly represents individuals lacking capacity (either through the Official Solicitor or alternative litigation friends), family members, Local Authorities and health bodies in Court of Protection health and welfare cases, which range from disputes over capacity, residence and care, deprivation of liberty, to serious medical treatment cases and cases where there is an overlap between the Family Court and the Court of Protection. Eliza regularly advises and acts in associated Human Rights Act claims arising out of the above. In addition, Eliza also undertakes property and affairs work which is informed by a background in matrimonial finance and cohabitation law.

#### Significant Reported Cases:

PC & NC v A Local Authority [2013] EWCA Civ 478 (Court of Appeal) (*Eliza Sharron was led by Jonathan Butler*)

#### Health and Social Care

Eliza regularly advises and acts in community care law matters with a focus on health and social care and Local Authority obligations towards young people. Eliza has a background in public law children work and has a detailed knowledge of Local Authority obligations towards disabled children, children at risk and young people leaving care.

Eliza recently contributed to the publication of the 3rd Edition of the widely used *Community Care Law and Local Authority Handbook*, namely, Chapter 5 (which provides a comprehensive guide to Local Authority obligations towards young people and disabled children) in light of the changes brought in by the Care Act 2014.

## Inquests

Eliza undertakes inquest work where individuals have died whilst in state custody either under the Mental Health Act 1983, or when detained under the Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards.

Eliza also acts in cases where there are issues regarding the safeguarding of vulnerable children and adults, and where there are claims that breaches of statutory obligations towards a child/adult with social care needs has caused or contributed to that person's death.

## Judicial Review

Eliza undertakes Judicial Review work in relation to mental health matters, as well as cases involving ordinary residence disputes, breach of community care law duties, and the statutory duty of local authorities towards young people and their families.

In particular, Eliza regularly advises on and acts in Judicial Review matters regarding the payment of allowances for Child Arrangement Orders, Special Guardianship Orders and Fostering Allowances, and has provided detailed guidance regarding such matters in Chapter 5 of the 3rd Edition of the *Community Care Law and Local Authority Handbook*.

## Local Government

## Memberships

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Northern Circuit

Court Of Protection Practitioners Association (COPPA)

The Honourable Society of the Inner Temple

## Appointments

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Crown Counsel - Falkland Islands 2010

Junior of the Northern Circuit 2013

Called to the Bar of the Cayman Islands [2013]

## Publications

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Community Care Law and Local Authority Handbook (Third Edition, 2015): Chapter 5 - Provisions for Older Children (Leaving Care), Disabled Children and Financial Obligations of Local Authorities Towards Families.

The Provision of Secure Mental Health Facilities Across and Outside Wales: Lexis@PSL 21/01/016

## Qualifications

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Bristol University -BA (Hons) in English Literature (First)

University of West England - Graduate Diploma in Law (Distinction)

University of West England - B.V.C.

## Recommendations

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### Chambers UK [2020]

"She's just super, and she's always the most organised person in the room. She gets to the heart of the matter and puts the case on track, and she's super responsive and very proactive." "She is very clever, very forthright and is unflappable and sympathetic when dealing with vulnerable people."

"An excellent barrister."

**Chambers UK [2018]** - "She is outstanding in every way and knows the law inside out. She's a very organised, calm and measured presence in court. She is completely unflappable. She has this sort of zen aura about her, which comes from being super-prepared and working very hard."

**Legal 500 [2018]** - 'Recommended for adult welfare cases.'

**Chambers UK [2017]** - "She is very thorough, capable in court and popular with solicitors." "She works incredibly hard, turns work around quickly, is very well prepared and equally at home acting for claimants as public authorities."

**Legal 500 [2016]** - 'A very approachable, calm and thorough advocate.'

**Legal 500 [2015]** - Leading public law junior: 'She is sensible and calm, and her advice is always sound'

**Legal 500 [2014]** - Leading public law junior: 'Able to skilfully manage the more challenging judges.'

