

Stephen Hocking

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Stephen Hocking is a leading public lawyer, particularly specialising in the fields of healthcare, education (with a particular interest in higher education and in SEND), and local government.

His areas of expertise include:

- judicial review in the health, education and local authority sectors;
- Regulatory issues in health and higher education;
- Major misconduct enquiries;
- Partnering and joint venture working between public and private sectors;
- The application of charity and equality law to public services;
- Corporate transactions within the public and charity sectors;
- Professional disciplinary proceeding for professional bodies and for registrants.

Before joining chambers, Stephen practised as a solicitor specialising in public law. He was an equity partner at DAC Beachcroft LLP for twenty years, where he was the head of the Public Law, and Public law and health projects teams for over a decade.



Stephen Hocking possesses vast experience defending judicial review and procurement challenges for public bodies in the health, education and local government sectors.

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Expertise

Healthcare

Stephen's healthcare practice is principally for commissioners, providers and regulatory bodies, and has covered issues ranging from an individual funding request for one patient to the restructuring of hundreds of millions of pounds of NHS expenditure. He is particularly at home in cases with a complex scientific or technical content.

Recent experience includes:

- the conduct of health technology appraisals, appeals, and regulation and pricing of medical technologies
- approval and conduct of clinical trials, post trial data collection and exploitation, and patient issues connected with clinical trials and novel treatments
- disputes around patient treatment, particularly with regard to access to new or novel treatments such as cannabis based medicines,
- procurement challenges in the NHS



He's always extremely responsive and helpful, as well as being extremely wise and well-versed on healthcare issues.

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Achievements

Appointments

2021 appointed Deputy Judge of the Upper Tribunal, Administrative Appeals Chamber,

2020 Appointed Recorder South Eastern Circuit, public and private family law cases

Memberships

Member of the Administrative Law Bar Association and formerly of the Public Law Solicitors' Association

Education

1992 BA degree, Oxford University, Biochemistry, First Class Honours

1993 Completed post graduate diploma in law/common professional examination, City University London, Commendation

1995 Called to the Bar of England and Wales 2002 Admitted as solicitor in England and Wales

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He is incredibly knowledgeable and easy to work with.

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Stephen Hocking is sharp, on the ball and strategic. He can be relied upon for a considered opinion on anything we throw at him

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'Frankly outstanding' practice head Stephen Hocking routinely defends clients in judicial review litigation, with recent engagements involving discrimination charges, medical treatment policy matters and procurement policy issues

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