

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:

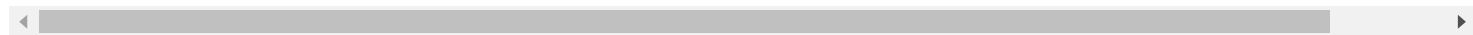
- judicial review in the health, education and local authority sectors;
- Regulatory issues in health and higher education;
- Major misconduct enquiries;
- Partnering and joint venture working between public and private sectors;
- The application of charity and equality law to public services;
- Corporate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



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Expertise

Public

Stephen acts for defendants and claimants bringing and defending judicial review challenges in the Administrative Court and Upper Tribunal, and advising on the exercise of public powers. His recent work has included disputes over the provision or funding of and charging for adult and child social care provision, age assessment challenges, human rights challenges, disputes relating to the provision of healthcare or education, judicial reviews relating to special educational needs provision, and provision of cultural facilities.

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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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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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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