

## Barrister: Elizabeth Stevens

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### Overview:

Elizabeth has a busy practice across all of Chambers' specialisms and appears in court on a daily basis. Due to her varied practice, regular court attendance and the range of tribunals that she has appeared in front of, Elizabeth is fast becoming a trusted and sought-after advocate and is comfortable accepting instructions in new areas of law.

Alongside her court appearances, Elizabeth has a thriving paper-based practice, providing advice and drafting statements of case in fast-track and multi-track civil proceedings.

Outside of work, Elizabeth enjoys music festivals, skiing and cycling.

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### Civil

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#### Personal Injury & Civil Litigation:

Elizabeth regularly advises and appears in fast-track and multi-track personal injury claims on behalf of Claimants and Defendants. Elizabeth has experience across the full range of personal injury work and has been instructed in a number of employer's liability cases with statements of value in excess of £100,000. Elizabeth also undertakes clinical negligence work and has recently advised in relation to the delayed diagnosis of tuberculosis and the incorrect treatment of a cancerous tumour.

Elizabeth has represented bereaved families at inquests and has previously advised in relation to an Article 2 inquest arising from the suicide of a hospital patient.

In addition to personal injury work, Elizabeth frequently appears in landlord and tenant claims and contractual disputes. Elizabeth has recently been instructed in the Fundao Dam group litigation on behalf of businesses who were affected by the collapse of a mining dam in Brazil. Elizabeth has prepared schedules of loss on behalf of these companies, with individual claims exceeding R\$5,000,000 (approximately £1,000,000).

### Crime & Police

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#### Crime & Police:

Elizabeth is frequently instructed to represent police forces and has experience of dealing with judicial review claims, civil claims against the Police, POCA proceedings, Sexual Harm Prevention Orders, closure orders, PII applications and proceedings under the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991.

Elizabeth is seconded on an ongoing, part-time basis to both the Metropolitan Police Service and the National Crime Agency. Her work for the MPS relates to the Undercover Policing Inquiry. At the NCA, Elizabeth provides legal advice to the Civil Litigation team.

Elizabeth regularly prosecutes for the Crown Prosecution Service on the South Eastern Circuit and undertakes Magistrates' Court and Crown Court defence work. Elizabeth has recently secured a favourable outcome for a client facing committal proceedings for contempt of court in the Crown Court.

### Family & Court of Protection

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#### Family & Court of Protection:

Elizabeth is primarily instructed in public child law proceedings and acts on behalf of local authorities, parents and children's guardians. She has advised and appeared in cases concerning inflicted injury (obtaining findings on behalf of the local authority that rib fractures had been inflicted), Islamic extremism, linked family and criminal proceedings (arising from the murder of a minor in the family home), overseas placements and jurisdictional issues.

Elizabeth also has a busy private law practice and has represented parents in child contact disputes concerning allegations of physical and sexual abuse. In addition to this, Elizabeth is instructed in relation to divorce and ancillary relief proceedings, including relief sought under Part III of the Matrimonial and Family Proceedings Act 1984.

Elizabeth is keen to develop her Court of Protection Practice and has recently appeared in the High Court to obtain a deprivation of liberty order on behalf of a local authority. Elizabeth has also undertaken advisory Court of Protection work, including drafting facts and grounds for a section 21A MCA 2005 application.



**Call: 2015**

#### Education:

Princess Royal Scholarship (Inner Temple); BPTC (Outstanding), BPP; Graduate Diploma in Law (Distinction), City University London; BA Hons (First Class), University of Cambridge

#### Practice areas

- Arbitration
- Clinical Negligence
- Commercial and Property
- Costs
- Court of Protection
- Crime and Fraud
- Employment
- Family
- Inquests
- Local Government
- Mediation
- Personal Injury
- Police Law
- Professional Disciplinary Proceedings
- Professional Negligence
- Public Law
- Regulatory and Disciplinary

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- Dental Associates are Self-Employed Contractors and Not Employees
- Andrew Ritchie QC and Laura Begley secure a multi-million pound settlement 13 minutes before expiry of their Calderbank offer
- We are now 9 Gough Chambers

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