



# Justine Lattimer

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## Overview

Justine Lattimer is a Barrister specialising in Family law and the Court of Protection. She specialises in child protection. She is highly experienced in serious and complex cases such as those involving sexual abuse, serious physical injury or factitious illness.

## Practice Areas

### Public Law Children

Justine Lattimer specialises in child protection. She is highly experienced in serious and complex cases such as those involving sexual abuse, serious physical injury or factitious illness. Her experience in related crime during her first 15 years of practice provides her with valuable additional insight and expertise. She has a reputation for client care and in particular for her sensitive approach to clients with mental health difficulties or learning disabilities.

She has spoken at St Ives conferences and training events.

#### Court of Protection

Justine Lattimer has been part of the St Ives Court of Protection team since its inception and has experience at both county and high court levels in a range of cases including those involving DOL. She regularly acts for the Official Solicitor as well as for other parties including local authorities.

## Qualifications

BA (Oxon)

# Recommendations

Chambers and Partners 2023: "Justine's knowledge of the law is unsurpassed and even in the most trying of circumstances she is able to persuade the judge to her way of thinking. Basically a silk in all but name." "She has excellent client care skills, especially with parent clients. She is thorough, clear and direct." "A favourite for complex care proceedings."

Legal 500 2023: "Justine's representation of vulnerable children and parents is second to none. Justine is able to digest complex and voluminous evidence, then present it in a straightforward manner to the client. Her advocacy is professional, concise, and direct. She is always well prepared and has an excellent approachable manner with even the most difficult and vulnerable clients."

Chambers & Partners 2022: "Justine has such a wealth of experience to draw upon that she is never flustered or surprised. She brings an air of calm to proceedings." "She is approachable and thorough in her work."

Legal 500 2022: "Justine is utterly dedicated to her clients. She has an incisive eye for the key issues of a case, and provides excellent advice in a poised manner."

Chambers and Partners 2021: "Quality advocacy, quality cross-examination and quality with clients." "She is fearless in the courtroom and her reputation precedes her." "She is extremely thorough and grasps the fundamental points of a case. She can also explain matters succinctly to clients and talks to clients with difficulties in a way they can understand."

Legal 500 2021: "She has an amazing ability to master large and complex briefs in addition to strong performance in court."

Chambers & Partners 2015: "She picks up on the issues very quickly, and is very approachable and very good with clients."

Chambers & Partners 2013: Justine Lattimer has a vibrant practice that has a particular emphasis on welfare and deprivation of liberty matters. "She is responsive at short notice and highly knowledgeable," interviewees note.

Chambers & Partners 2012: Experienced family lawyer Justine Lattimer has a similarly bifurcated practice focused on welfare decisions and financial deputyship. She is increasing her workload in this area, and is noted for having "an assured court manner and friendly style."

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