



Specialist  
vulnerable  
client  
lawyers

In partnership with  
Local Authorities

JE Bennett Law 

# Why work with JE Bennett Law?

## BENEFITS TO YOUR CLIENT

Many law firms cover the practice areas associated with vulnerable clients, but just a few make it their only focus. We are specialists and industry-recognised as leaders in our field.

Dealing with the legal needs of a vulnerable client requires a unique skill-set, not just the necessary legal expertise, but the ability to manage the expectations of the different parties involved in a sensitive and understanding manner. The team at JE Bennett Law recognise our clients and their families are often facing difficult decisions in emotionally challenging circumstances. It's our mission to support them every step of the way.

We work for the vulnerable themselves and the family of those who may lack mental capacity, or be in the process of losing the ability to manage their property and affairs.

We can add value in cases where you may not have the time, resource or expertise available to deliver the optimal service for your client.



advice and guidance were always given with both empathy and professionalism



Mr P, Lay Deputy





We have found JE  
Bennett Law to be  
helpful, reliable  
and flexible



James Sheedy,  
Royal Borough  
of Kensington  
and Chelsea

## BENEFITS TO LAs

The JE Bennett Law team understand the specific needs of both Local Authorities and their clients.

We are highly experienced in the provision of deputyships and deliver an efficient, reliable and caring service.

- We always act promptly to make applications to the court.
- There is no additional cost to the authority from instructing JE Bennett Law.
- For Court of Protection work, we charge the Court's Fixed Fee or an hourly rate which follows the Solicitors guidelines. Based in Sevenoaks, we are National tier 1 so the rates are significantly lower than London firms.
- We can offer additional, related vulnerable client services... such as wills and lasting powers of attorney... at special local authority rates.
- We have a dedicated Local Authority helpline.

## FAQs

Can you apply for appointment as Appointee whilst awaiting the Deputy Order?

Yes, we can start working on the case and with the client straight away.

Can you deal with the admin and paperwork on property cases?

Yes. When taking on property cases we will deal with the responsibility of securing the property and contents, insurance, property checks and searches, saving you time and money.

Do you take on new deputyship cases or take over existing ones?

We are happy to do both.

On instruction, will you liaise with third parties for information and can you arrange for COP3?

Yes. On being instructed to take a case we can obtain information from the LA or are happy to speak to any third parties or search a property, as directed. We can arrange for a COP3 – Assessment of Capacity to be completed.



court of protection

professional deputyships

personal injury trusts

elderly client law

community care law

wills

probate



well respected team...  
superb at handling  
very difficult matters



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## OUR EXPERTISE

The team at JE Bennett Law consists of 15 specialists, each bringing relevant skills and experience to serve our clients' needs.

Senior partner Jane Bennett is a member (one of just around 70 nationwide) of the Office of the Public Guardian's national panel of professional deputies.

Additionally, Jane is a fully Accredited member of Solicitors for the Elderly; Action for Elder Abuse; the UK Acquired Brain Injury Forum and an affiliate member of STEP (Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners).

The firm is a corporate supporter of Headway.



## LEADERS IN OUR FIELD

JE Bennett Law is rated as a Leading Firm by The Legal 500, the leading industry standard. The firm features in the rankings for Court of Protection. Our Senior Partner, Jane Bennett, is also listed by the Legal 500 as a Leading Individual.



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## PROVEN TRACK RECORD

JE Bennett Law has a proven track record and currently manage over 85 deputyships.

We are trusted to handle highly complex cases from industry-leading insurers and investment organisations, Local Authorities, other law firms, case managers and the Court of Protection itself. We're also in demand for expert witness services.

The firm is often selected and recommended by Leading Counsel and others in their field.

## EXPERT WITNESS SERVICE

Jane Bennett acts as an expert witness in catastrophic high value claims for a range of leading claimant and defendant law firms across England and Wales.

Typically, this pertains to the role of a professional property and affairs deputy under the Court of Protection. Expert opinion is given on issues such as costs; health and welfare; best interests and safeguarding.



## CLIENT CARE & PRACTICE MANAGEMENT

We are proud to have been awarded Lexcel accreditation. Lexcel is the Law Society's legal practice quality mark for practice management and client care.



Our core specialism is the provision of truly independent professional deputyship services under the Court of Protection, and advice to lay deputies, together with professional trustee services (both within and outside the Court of Protection).

We advise on all possible types of applications to the Court of Protection, including matters regarding gifts and transfers; the impact and implications of lack of capacity regarding other types of legal proceedings; Wills, including tax-efficient Wills; Wills catering for disabled beneficiaries; Statutory Wills for those who lack mental capacity to make a Will; Probate, and the whole gamut of elderly client law, including powers of attorney; Advance Directives (or the so-called living Wills), and access to local care in the community services via the NHS and the Local Authority.



JANE BENNETT  
Senior Partner

