

Vulnerable client lawyers

INDUSTRY-LEADING SPECIALISTS

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.





(their) approach to legal services for the elderly helps me feel confident

WHAT WE DO

Vulnerability can arise at birth; by accident; by disease; through old age; third party negligence or by criminal assault.

Our core work involves helping those that have been involved in life-changing circumstances through the provision of professional deputy services under the Court of Protection; advising lay deputies; and providing professional trustee services. We advise on all possible applications to the court of protection.

We also provide a full range of services for the elderly client: Enduring/Lasting Powers of Attorney; Wills (including the complexities surrounding funding for residential care home places); advice regarding care in the home or community; and tax efficient trusts for grandchildren.

WHO WE HELP

We work for the injured party and often the family of those lacking mental capacity.

We can help a loved one with:

- A serious brain injury or illness
- Severe learning disability
- Mental health difficulties
- Dementia

We also work for the lay deputy and lay trustee (a non-professional acting on behalf of the injured party); claimants and defendants in personal injury cases and clinical negligence cases; and Criminal Injury Compensation Authority (CICA) claimants.

Additionally, we work with other related organisations and care providers including case managers and Local Authorities.



OUR EXPERTISE

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

The company is rated as a Leading Firm by The Legal 500, the leading industry standard, featuring in the rankings for Court of Protection. Our Senior Partner, Jane Bennett, is also listed by the Legal 500 as a Leading Individual. Jane is also a member (one of just 71 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.





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PROVEN TRACK RECORD

JE Bennett Law has a proven track record.

We currently manage in excess of 100 deputyships and 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.

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 regards the role of a professional property and affairs deputy under the Court of Protection - and associated issues such as costs; health and welfare; best interests and safeguarding aspects.





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.



RECOGNISED LEADERS IN OUR FIELD



JE Bennett Law is rated a Leading Firm in the Legal 500



Jane Bennett is rated a Leading Individual 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.



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