

## Luke Berry

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Luke leads the Exeter barristers team, and his work focuses on providing robust advocacy and pragmatic advice on all things health related: from personal injury and clinical negligence, to mental health, inquests and family disputes involving medical evidence. He acts for some of the firm's biggest clients on procedural hearings through to substantive, multi-day trials and inquests, and is seen as a 'go-to' in the South West for practical legal advice delivered with emotional intelligence.

As an advocate, Luke provides his clients with a voice and is often called on when technical 'black letter' law does not provide an answer. Luke represents clients in civil, criminal, family and coronial proceedings, and any other jurisdiction where a professional may be called to defend their actions.

Understanding the importance of a timely and accurate response to paperwork, Luke's approach to his written advocacy has received praise from the Judiciary.

Luke has an interest in developing junior advocates through advocacy training and is both an advocacy trainer and a pupil supervisor. He is also authorised by the Bar Standards Board to conduct litigation.

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## Expertise

Academy trusts and schools

Central government

Higher education institutions and universities

Independent health and care

Insurance

Local government

NHS acute trusts

NHS mental and community health trusts

Social care

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## Featured experience

### Inquests

Acted for a mental health trust in a series of linked inquests arising from inpatient suicides.

### RL v Nottingham University Hospital

Acted for Nottingham University Hospital in contested Family Court proceedings where the applicant sought to re-open findings of fact.

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## Testimonials

*"I am left in no doubt that had you not represented the Trust, the conclusion, from an organisational perspective, would have been far graver. And, indeed, the family and their Advocate would have been far less able to participate given the assistance you gave to them also."*

**Asst Director (Legal, Governance & Mental Health Legislation), An NHS Trust ,**

*"I wanted to pass on our appreciation of your support at the inquest last week. Whilst the conclusion was unexpected, the feedback from the witnesses attested to the support they received."*

**Head of Legal Services, An NHS Trust,**

*"Nursing and medical staff praise and thank Luke for his sound knowledge of our policies, procedures, awareness and understanding of each case, and of his support and assistance at inquests which are described as one of the worst times in their careers' but made considerably more bearable by Luke's involvement."*

**Lynne Jeary , Practice Lead – Patient Experience Safety and Risk, Devon Partnership Trust**

*"Many thanks to you for all your hard work and effort in getting this great result! We were certainly looked after a lot better than the claimants were."*

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