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Matthew works with clients across the health, life sciences, government and education sectors. Matthew helps clients navigate complex statutory and regulatory frameworks relating to the commissioning and provision of health, education and local authority services, the licensing of medical devices and medicines, the use of personal data and AI by public bodies and health companies, professional discipline, and the design of international health systems.

Matthew also specialises in conducting complex and high profile litigation, including judicial review proceedings, public inquiries, statutory appeals, public procurement challenges and claims for damages arising from data breaches, a breach of confidence and/or misuse of private information.

Matthew previously worked within the Government Legal Department, gaining substantial experience on issues surrounding constitutional law and devolution, health and social care, and social security, and for a national law firm in Australia specialising in advising federal government departments on public law issues.

Expertise

Constitutional and administrative law

Contentious procurement

Data protection and privacy

Freedom of information

Public inquiries

Service reconfiguration, consultation, transformation and decommissioning

Featured experience

Judicial review

Acting for NHS England in connection with a judicial review challenge to GP pay GPs: BMA v Northamptonshire County Council & Ors [2020 EWHC 1664 (Admin).

Breach of confidence proceedings

Successfully obtained an injunction on behalf of a local authority for breach of confidence following a Subject Access Request: London Borough of Lambeth v AM (Judgment No. 2) [2021] EWHC 186 (QB).

Judicial review

Successfully challenged the lawfulness of guidance issued by the Care Quality Commission on behalf of a care provider: see R (On the Application Of) Advinia Health Care Ltd, R (v Care Quality Commission [2022] EWHC 965 (Admin).

Judicial review

Successfully challenged a decision made by the Secretary of State for Education to terminate the Funding Agreement for an Academy Trust (settled by consent).