



The Court of Protection

Financial Deputyships Explained

Understanding financial deputyships, capacity, and decision-making in practice

A practical webinar exploring financial deputyships, capacity and real-world decision-making under the Mental Capacity Act 2005. From managing funds and navigating court applications, to resolving disputes and supporting lifetime planning, this session will provide clear, practical insight for professionals supporting individuals who may lack capacity.



Presented by **Katie Strong and Victoria Ward**,
Court of Protection Partners at Irwin Mitchell.



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The Court of Protection plays a vital role in protecting and supporting individuals who are unable to make certain decisions for themselves due to impaired mental capacity. However, the legal framework, responsibilities of deputies, and practical realities of managing a deputyship can often feel complex and difficult to navigate.

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This free specialist webinar will provide a clear, practical and accessible overview of financial deputyships within the Court of Protection, offering valuable insight into how deputyships operate in real-world practice across the lifespan of a claim or appointment.

The session will explore the role and powers of the Court of Protection, the Mental Capacity Act 2005, and the practical responsibilities of financial deputies, including budgeting, property and investment decisions, annual reporting requirements, and working alongside litigation teams and multidisciplinary professionals.

The webinar will also examine key stages during the lifetime of a deputyship, including transition following settlement, navigating disputes, statutory will applications, property purchases, restoration of capacity, and end-of-life administration.

Using practical examples and case-based discussion, delegates will gain a clearer understanding of best interests decision-making, capacity assessments for specific decisions, and the challenges that can arise when there is no deputy in place.

There will also be an opportunity for delegates to put questions directly to Katie Strong and Victoria Ward during the live webinar, providing additional practical insight into real-world deputyship challenges and decision-making.

Alternative arrangements, including Lasting Powers of Attorney, personal injury trusts, trusts for minors and low-value case options, will also be discussed.

This webinar is suitable for solicitors, deputies, case managers, rehabilitation professionals, clinicians, support providers and others working with individuals who may lack capacity following catastrophic injury, neurological illness or other complex conditions.

Expected Learning Outcomes:

- Understanding the Court of Protection framework
- Understanding deputies, their roles and responsibilities
- Greater insight into the deputyship application and appointment process
- Improved understanding of decision-making in practice
- Understanding the practical management of a deputyship across P's lifetime
- Increased awareness of risks, gaps and alternative arrangements
- Exploring real-world challenges through practical examples and case discussion

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BIOGRAPHIES

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Katie Strong

Court of Protection Partner at Irwin Mitchell LLP

I qualified as a Solicitor in January 2012 and began my career in criminal defence, qualifying with Higher Rights of Audience. In April 2015, I chose to specialise exclusively in Court of Protection work, having recognised both the Court's vital role and the opportunity this work presents to protect some of the most vulnerable people in society.

I am now a Partner in the London office, where I lead a large team of Court of Protection solicitors and paralegals.

My practice focuses on supporting vulnerable individuals to manage their property and financial affairs, often following life-changing injury or medical negligence. Many of my clients have received substantial, multi-million-pound personal injury settlements, and I specialise in advising on the long-term management of these awards through Court of Protection deputyships or trust structures.

I am regularly appointed by the Court of Protection as a professional deputy for individuals who lack capacity to manage their financial affairs and also act as a professional trustee.

My work is varied and highly practical, and includes:

- Making and progressing deputyship applications
- Managing and investing substantial damages awards
- Chairing annual review meetings and post-settlement meetings
- Implementing and managing budgets
- Employing and overseeing large care and support packages
- Advising on the purchase, sale and adaptation of property
- Making applications for Statutory Wills
- Acting as an expert witness in litigation proceedings

I am particularly committed to working closely with clients, families and multidisciplinary teams to ensure decisions are lawful, proportionate and genuinely in the individual's best interests. I am also Co-Chair of CoPPA – the Court of Protection Practitioners Association, working to support best practice and collaboration across the profession.

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Victoria Ward

Court of Protection Partner at Irwin Mitchell LLP

I have specialised in Court of Protection work for over ten years and was promoted to Partner in May 2024. I am based in the London office, where I jointly lead a Court of Protection team of 29 fee earners.

My practice focuses on supporting vulnerable individuals to manage their property and financial affairs, often following life-changing injury or medical negligence. I advise on the long-term management of substantial personal injury awards through deputyship and trust structures, working closely with clients, families and multidisciplinary teams.

As a Director of IMTC and IMTL, I act as a professional financial deputy and trustee for clients with complex, high-value estates. My work includes cases involving cross-border issues, fluctuating capacity, statutory wills, and complex gift and loan applications, as well as advising alongside Personal Injury and Clinical Negligence teams on interim payments and longer-term planning.

I am recognised for my pragmatic and thoughtful approach to complex matters involving highly vulnerable individuals.

I hold full STEP accreditation and achieved a Distinction in the Advanced Certificate in Advising Vulnerable Clients. I was previously shortlisted for Young Practitioner of the Year at the STEP Private Client Awards.

I am an active member of the Court of Protection Practitioners Association (CoPPA) London Committee and regularly organise and deliver training and seminars for both internal and external audiences.

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When a person is no longer able to make decisions about their health or care, compassionate legal support can make all the difference.

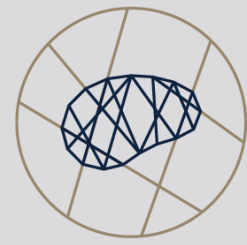
Our Court of Protection team supports healthcare professionals and families with clear, practical advice on everything from deputyship and disputes to wills and emergency applications.

With over 20 years' experience, we help navigate sensitive cases with confidence and care, protecting vulnerable people and supporting their loved ones when they need it most.

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