

# COURT OF PROTECTION SOLICITOR

**The Firm**

TV Edwards was established in the East End of London in 1929. Now with offices in Whitechapel and Clapham Junction, the firm enjoys a national reputation for delivering first-class legal services.

Our lawyers are experts in many different fields of law, and they are brought together to offer a holistic and tailored service. Many are renowned legal experts - they train the profession and they publish. Together, our teams deliver the legal support and representation that individuals, families and businesses need, in the way in which they need it. We pride ourselves on understanding what each client wants to achieve and then helping them get there as quickly as possible.

Great communication is intrinsic to what we do. We explain things clearly and simply to clients. We discuss options, listen to their views and alleviate their concerns. We do this face-to-face, by telephone, by email and by using video conferencing facilities, such as Microsoft Teams.

Our lawyers come from a range of different backgrounds and we are proud that so many can speak more than one language.

We have been recognised for the innovation shown in IT development, leading the field and supporting our teams of lawyers in achieving excellence. We have a strong investment in virtual digital file and case management. People seeking to join the TVE team will need to be committed to the firm’s ethos of working in a paperless environment.

TV Edwards has held the Law Society’s Lexcel Practice management accreditation since 2007.

**The Social Welfare Department**

The Social Welfare Department undertakes housing, community care, public law and Court of Protection welfare work.

Our Court of Protection solicitors act for individuals in the Court of Protection who have been assessed as lacking capacity to make welfare decisions themselves. They are instructed by litigation friends, including professional litigation friends, such as the Official Solicitor, on behalf of the individual. Many of the team are Accredited Legal Representatives, which means they are able to act for the individual in the Court of Protection without the need to be instructed by a litigation friend. We also act for family members of the individual who are parties to Court of Protection cases to provide their own view on what decisions should be made for their family member.

The community care team carries out a range of work including challenging Care Act and Children Act assessments. We are frequently instructed by the Official Solicitor. We are committed to continuing to cover the full range of community care work, including public law challenges involving disabled adults or children and destitute migrants.

Our housing work covers possession proceedings brought on the basis of rent arrears, anti-social behaviour and other grounds. We act for those facing anti-social behaviour injunctions. Our team also represents tenants living in poor housing conditions.

The department is primarily based at our office in Whitechapel, with a smaller team at Clapham Junction. Our department is split into teams with a ratio of one Paralegal/Trainee Solicitor supporting two-three Solicitors. Our reputation for good quality advice and representation has been recognised by Chambers and Partners and the Legal 500.

We have a strong commitment to the training of our staff. We deliver regular internal training courses for staff of all levels of experience. We meet as a department regularly to share knowledge, discuss case tactics and update on recent developments. At these meetings all members of the team are able to contribute to decisions in regards to the running of the department.

We have a Career Development Programme that maps out a route to partnership and we encourage staff to participate.