

# Ian Perkins

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Ian heads the Browne Jacobson Barristers' Birmingham team. Called to the Bar in 2010 and having refined his advocacy skills in courts nationwide for more than a decade, Ian has established a busy practice in which his clients trust him to handle complex cases involving society's biggest issues in the areas of education, professional discipline and coronial law.

Acting for a range of schools and universities, regulators, healthcare trusts and local authorities Ian is a regular fixture in a range of jurisdictions including the civil courts, speciality tribunals and regulatory panels. He appears in trials, inquests, final hearings and appeals before a range of professional judges and coroners. Ian draws on this wide-ranging experience to offer holistic and insightful expertise in public sector matters. He is known and valued for his thoughtful and pragmatic advice and his ability to achieve excellent outcomes through his courtroom skills.

Ian prizes excellence in advocacy and enthusiastically offers internal and external training. Ian has been a Keynote Speaker at Browne Jacobson's EdCon and has championed his teams' series of Advocacy in Action articles in [Be Connected](#). Away from work Ian is actively involved in his local rugby club where he is the Mini & Junior Vice Chairman and sits on the Age Grade Disciplinary Committee. He also regularly returns to his community high school to speak to students about forging a career at the Bar.

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## Expertise

### Sectors

Academy trusts and schools

Ambulance trusts

Central government

Higher education institutions and universities

Insurance

Local government

NHS acute trusts

NHS mental and community health trusts

Social care

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## Featured experience

## Inquest - Adam Stone

Ian appeared in a complex inquest concerning a death following an episode of drug-induced Acute Behavioural Disturbance ("ABD") combined with police restraint. The inquest considered national guidance for emergency response times and proposed changes to the medical literature underpinning the incidence of death in cases of ABD and Excited Delirium.

## Inquest - Archie Spriggs

Ian represented multiple parties in the sad case of a young boy who had been murdered by his mother. The inquest determined that the death could not have been predicted or prevented by any public body.

## Inquest - Errol Graham

In a case which has since been debated in parliament and received extensive media and public attention as a spearhead for social reform, Ian represented a public agency in the inquest into the death of a man who tragically starved to death in his flat following his benefits payments being stopped.

## TRA v CE

In the first regulatory case of its kind Ian secured the prohibition of a teacher who had been convicted for the criminal offence of conducting an unregistered independent school contrary to section 96 of the Education and Skills Act 2008.

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# Testimonials

## Clients

*"Equally knowledgeable and sure-footed."*

**Head-teacher Chair of Education Trust,**

*"Phenomenal."*

**Head of Medico-Legal,**

*"A very reassuring presence."*

**Local Authority Senior Inclusion Officer,**

*"Exceptional preparation and representation."*

**CEO of Multi-Academy Trust,**