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## Simon Walsh

Call: 1987

Simon now focuses his practice on police discipline and regulatory work.

Simon joined 5 Essex Court in 2007, having practised for nearly 20 years from Bridewell Chambers. He has a keen interest in the City of London where he was an elected member of the City Corporation for 23 years, which included terms as the Chairman of the City of London Police Authority and of the City's Licensing Authority. Election as an Alderman of the City in 2000 led to Simon sitting for over a decade as a Justice of the Peace and Bench chair and sitting ceremonially as a judge of the Central Criminal Court. He is a Freeman of the City of London and a liveryman of 2 livery companies. In wider London politics, Simon served 2 terms as the Mayoral representative on the London Fire and Emergency Planning Authority.

### Police Law

After many years working for police forces across the country, giving advice and appearing as advocate in inquests and in cases before the High Court, the Employment Appeals Tribunal and the County Courts in civil jury trials, Simon began to specialise in police discipline cases (both as legal advisor and presenting counsel) following the Taylor review and the introduction of the Police (Conduct) Regulations in 2008 and 2012. He has led teams from Chambers lecturing across the country to all types of stakeholders in the new Regulations, ranging from ACPO officers to panels of independent members, where his two decades of Police Authority membership has proved unique and invaluable.

### Regulatory

A growing specialisation in professional regulation sees Simon sitting on a regular basis as a legal assessor for regulatory panels of the Nursing and Midwifery Council, sitting in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Simon is often asked to sit on high-profile cases such as those flowing from the Staffordshire hospital scandal in 2005-2009 and cases involving nursing homes and other care facilities where undercover journalists have exposed serious weaknesses and criminal behaviour by registered nurses.

### Court of Protection

Simon's areas of expertise in Court of Protection include:

Capacity  
Deprivation of liberty  
Best interests decisions  
Deputyship matters  
Lasting Powers of Attorney and Enduring Powers of Attorney  
Medical treatment  
Welfare matters including contact, residence and care decisions  
Forced marriage  
Safeguarding of vulnerable adults