

PUBLIC ACCESS

Public Access means that anyone can go directly to a barrister, for advice and/or representation, without being reliant on a solicitor and without having to pay for a solicitor. Direct Access enables those who feel able to conduct a lot of the litigation themselves to have complete control of their case.

The barrister's role remains essentially the same as when they are instructed by a solicitor or another intermediary. The barrister can advise you on your legal status or rights. The barrister can draft documents for you and can represent you in court, tribunals or mediations. The barrister can also negotiate on your behalf and can attend hearings where appropriate.

That said, because the barrister's role is unchanged (and there are limits on the types of work that a barrister can do) there are still some cases and situations in which you will need to instruct a solicitor as well as a barrister. However, for many cases the public access scheme allows you to go directly to the expert barrister for advice, representation and drafting.

If instructed by the Direct Access scheme, a barrister can:

- Provide legal advice and opinions
- Draft legal documents
- Assist you to draft letters and other documents during the case
- Represent you in court.

The following members are able to assist you in Direct Access matters.



Lucy Stone QC



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