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"Justin is one of the leading practitioners in the field of ecclesiastical law." "He is a fearsome and forensic courtroom advocate."

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Justin Gau has particular expertise in Regulatory work, sitting as a legal Assessor for the General Dental Council, General Chiropractic Council and Nursing & Midwifery Council.

Justin is also specialist in the area of Ecclesiastical law, appearing regularly in Consistory Courts, Clergy Discipline Tribunals and advising Clergy, PCC's and others.

He has experience in Employment law he has developed a specialism in advising Medical professionals, the clergy and others on actions for unfair dismissal and discrimination actions.

He is a priest in the Diocese of London, Chancellor of the Diocese of Bristol, Chancellor of the Diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich, Deputy Chancellor of the Diocese of Lincoln and Deputy Chancellor of the Diocese of Bath and Wells.

He is an Honorary Canon of the Cathedral of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich.

With wide experience in Criminal work he has had particular expertise in dealing with commercial fraud, white collar crime, money laundering and serious sex offences and as a result has experience in the management of high volume cases.

Ecclesiastical & Religious Law

Chancellor of the Diocese of Bristol.

Chancellor of the Diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich

Deputy Chancellor of the Dioceses of Lincoln and Bath and Wells

Legal Advisor to the General Dental Council.

Legal Assessor to the Nursing and Midwifery Council.

Legal Assessor to the General Chiropractic Council.

Health & Safety

Justin is a specialist Ecclesiastical lawyer, appearing in Consistory Courts, Clergy Discipline Tribunals and the Court of Arches. He has appeared as specialist Ecclesiastical Counsel in the Employment Tribunal and the Employment Appeal Tribunal. He has represented professionals on matters of misconduct and fitness to practice before various Regulatory Bodies. He sits as a legal assessor for the Nursing and Midwifery Council and the General Chiropractic Council and is a legal advisor for the General Dental Council. He is experienced in regulatory cases with environmental aspects and has appeared in the Crown Court and Court of Appeal on behalf of individuals and property developers convicted of breaching Tree Preservation Orders. He has represented defendants in the Crown Courts on very serious matters for many years.

Healthcare

Justin specialises in healthcare regulatory work, sitting as a legal Assessor for the General Dental Council, General Chiropractic Council and the Nursing and Midwifery Council.

Justin represents doctors on matters of misconduct and fitness to practise before the GMC and had previously sat as a Legal Assessor at the GMC for 10 years.

Justin has also been instructed on cases involving care homes before the Care Standards Tribunal.

Justin advises healthcare professionals on discrimination actions.

Direct Access

Justin is qualified to accept Public Access instructions.

Civil Fraud

Justin Gau is a specialist fraud practitioner with almost 30 years experience at the Bar as a leading junior. He has been briefed to Prosecute for the CPS, the SFO, the DWP and HMRC. He regularly defends in multi handed frauds and white collar criminal allegations. He also practices in the area of professional regulation giving him a unique insight into serious allegations made against professionals.

Qualifications

- LLB, University College, London
- BTh, Cambridge University

Professional associations

- Association of Regulatory & Disciplinary Lawyers
- Criminal Bar Association
- Ecclesiastical Judges Association

Professional activities

Justin is Chancellor of the Dioceses of Bristol and St Edmundsbury and Ipswich, Deputy Chancellor of the Dioceses of Lincoln and Bath and Wells, a Legal Advisor to the General Chiropractic Council, the General Dental Council and the Nursing and Midwifery Council.

Outside Interests

Justin is an Honorary Canon of St Edmundsbury Cathedral