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INQUESTS: purpose and scope, preparation, procedure and conclusions



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Inquests are always in the news but what is the purpose and scope of coroners' inquests, what preparation is required if you are asked to attend, what is the procedure at the hearing and what are the likely conclusions?

Leslie Millin is a barrister who specialises in inquests, personal injuries and employment law. She has lectured extensively on all three subjects and also regularly writes articles. She was junior counsel in the case of R (on the application of Goodson) v Bedfordshire and Luton Coroner (Luton and Dunstable Hospital NHS Trust, interested party) which was one of the first judicial reviews involving Article 2 Human Rights Act 1998 and inquests.

She will explore the purpose and scope of inquests beginning with whether the death should be reported to the coroner, will look at what preparation is required in advance of an inquest, including whether a Pre inquest review should be held (PIR), explain the procedure at an inquest and discuss the possible conclusions which were previously described as the verdict.