



Contentious Probate Update

Royds Withy King and
St John's Chambers are
delighted to invite you
to their annual seminar
held in association with
Mogers Drewett in
Bath.

Midland Bridge House | Bath
20 November 2018

North Bailey House | Oxford
28 November 2018

The seminar aims to bring practitioners up to speed with all the latest developments in the world of contentious probate.

It is principally targeted at solicitors who are (or would like to be) involved in contentious probate work, but it would also be of interest to non-contentious lawyers, Will writing firms and professional executors.

Cost | £45 +VAT
CPD | 2.5 hours
BSB & SRA accreditation

Programme

2.00 - 2.25pm **Registration and refreshments**

2.25 - 2.30pm **Welcome and introduction from the Chair**
Charles Auld, Barrister, St John's Chambers

2.30 - 3.00pm **Life on the farm in 2018: muck, brass and proprietary estoppel claims**
Amanda Noyce, Partner, Royds Withy King

3.00 - 3.30pm **Tricky issues in 1975 Act claims - a user's guide**
Alex Troup, Barrister, St John's Chambers

3.30 - 3.50pm **Cream teas**

3.50 - 5.20pm **"Promises and pie crusts are made to be broken"**
*Alex Troup, Christopher Jones, Oliver Wooding, Barristers, St John's Chambers with
Amanda Noyce, Partner, Royds Withy King and Luke Watson (Bath event only),
Partner, Mogers Drewett*

This interactive scenario will involve facts giving rise to a proprietary estoppel claim and a 1975 Act claim. Delegates can use the knowledge they have gained in the first section and apply it to the scenario given whilst also exploring the procedural issues arising from running two claims.

5.20pm **Drinks and canapés**

Presenters



Charles Auld, Barrister
 (Call 1980)
 St John's Chambers

"Charles is extremely personable, client-friendly, supportive and pragmatic. Good at putting clients at ease."

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Charles has considerable experience of advising on the construction of wills and of trust instruments (together with applications to the Court for directions where necessary). His practice includes cases where the validity of a will has been in dispute.

He was successful both at first instance and in the Court of Appeal in *Hart v Burbidge* [2014] EWCA Civ 992 which involved gifts procured by undue influence. He has often dealt with matters where the claim is that an interest in a property has been obtained by proprietary estoppel; with applications under the Trusts of Land and Appointment of Trustees Act 1996 and also the Inheritance (Provision for Family and Dependents) Act 1975.



Amanda Noyce
 Partner
 Royds Withy King

"Amanda Noyce is described as a 'top lawyer in the field, and very easy and sensible to work with.' 'She is a real star in this area, she gets loads of work in and deals with it brilliantly. You can be immediately confident she will deal with things in an efficient and confident manner; she gets great results for her clients.' "

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PRIVATE WEALTH DISPUTES

Amanda is a partner heading Royds Withy King's specialist Inheritance & Trust Disputes team. She is a member of the Association of Contentious Trust and Probate Specialists (ACTAPS) and a member of the Society of Trusts and Estates Practitioners (STEP). Amanda specialises in the areas of contentious work including Wills disputes, trusts disputes, tax disputes and negligence actions against professionals. She is described as a "leader of the field" in both Legal 500 and Chambers HNW and has been shortlisted for 'Lawyer of the Year' at the 2018 Bristol Law Society Annual Awards.



Alex Troup, Barrister
 (Call 1998)
 St John's Chambers

"Alex is very good, he has a very strong reputation in this field – he's really knowledgeable but also very approachable. He really is my favourite because of his approachability, his knowledge and expertise. 'In terms of legal ability, he is top class, really top class.' "

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Alex is ranked as the only "star individual" on the Western Circuit in chancery matters by Chambers UK, and is the Head of the Wills & Trust team at St John's Chambers, and acts as a mediator. His practice includes both advisory and contentious work relating to trusts, wills and the administration of estates, including claims based on proprietary estoppel and under the Inheritance (Provision for Family and Dependents) Act 1975. His latest cases include *Thompson v Raggett* [2018] EWHC 688 (Ch) and *Shirley Brindley deceased, sub nom Brindley v Brindley* [2018] EWHC 157 (Ch).

Presenters



Christopher Jones, Barrister
(Call 2004)
St John's Chambers

"He is calm under pressure and well able to stand his ground against considerable opposition. He rapidly understands the legal issues of a case and is equally speedy in his ability to identify the weaknesses and merits. He communicates extremely well with clients and they quickly warm to him and trust his advice."

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Christopher is a chancery and commercial specialist with particular emphasis on trust litigation and advice, contentious and non-contentious probate applications, real property litigation (particularly in relation to easements, restrictive covenants and contracts for the sale of land) and commercial and agricultural landlord and tenant disputes. He is also a qualified mediator and can be instructed to mediate private client disputes.



Luke Watson
Partner
Mogers Drewett
**Speaking at the
Bath event only**

Luke Watson is a partner in the Dispute Resolution team at Mogers Drewett, specialising in property and commercial litigation. His extensive experience in this area has led to the development of a niche practice in disputed wills, trusts and estates.

Luke regularly conducts seminars with other professional lawyers and is a member of the Bristol Law Society, the Law Society's Civil Litigation Section, a full member of ACTAPS (Association of Contentious Trust and Probate Specialists) and a member of the Property Litigation Association.



Oliver Wooding, Barrister
(Call 2009)
St John's Chambers

"An excellent advocate, well liked by clients, responsive and a good team player. He's going great guns at the moment, attracting a lot of work and being very successful."

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Oliver's wills and trusts practice spans all contentious and non-contentious matters. He advises upon and acts, both as advocate and mediator, in disputes involving the validity of wills, claims under Inheritance (Provision for Family and Dependents) Act 1975, the removal of executors, construction of wills and trust documents, and for rectification of wills and trust documents.

His expertise includes:

Administration of estates; disputed wills; Inheritance Act claims; proprietary estoppel and trusts. His recent cases include: *Ashcroft & Penley v Webster* [2017] EWHC 887 (Ch) where Oliver appeared successfully for the applicants to extend an Extended Civil Restraint Order for a further two years. He also acts as an advocate at mediation and as a mediator in all wills and trusts disputes.