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# Programme

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### 13:30–14:40 Webinar 1–Thursday, 18th March

13:30–13:50 A round up of the key cases of 2020  
*Alex Troup, Barrister, St. John's Chambers*

13:50–14:10 Tax Deduction Certificates  
*Andrew Jones, Senior Associate, Hugh James*

14:10–14:30 Common intention constructive trusts in light of *Oberman v Collins* 2020 EWHC 3533 Ch, *Ralph v Ralph* 2020 EWHC 3348 QB and *O'Neill v Holland* 2020 EWCA Civ 1583  
*Jody Atkinson, Barrister, St. John's Chambers*

14:30–14:40 Live Q&A

### 13:30–14:40 Webinar 2–Thursday, 25th March

13:30–13:50 Setting aside a trustee's appointment for undue influence – *MacKay v Wesley*, 2020 EWHC 3400 Ch  
*Natasha Dzameh, Barrister, St. John's Chambers*

13:50–14:10 Discussing *Gosden & Anor v Halliwell Landau & Anor*  
*Sarah Bolt, Senior Associate, Hugh James*

14:10–14:30 Interpretation of wills – *Knipe v British Racing Drivers' Motor Sport Charity and Others*, 2020 EWHC 3295 Ch  
*Leslie Blohm QC, Barrister, St. John's Chambers*

14:30–14:40 Live Q&A

### 13:30–14:40 Webinar 3–Thursday 1st April

13:30–13:50 Forgery of wills and the burden of proof - *Face v Cunningham* 2020 EWHC 3119 Ch  
*Annie Sampson, Barrister, St. John's Chambers*

13:50–14:10 Funeral and burial disputes  
*Matthew Evans, Partner, Hugh James*

14:10–14:30 Adult child cases and estrangement in light of *Re H (deceased) SH v NH and another* [2020] EWHC  
*Charlie Newington-Bridges, Barrister, St. John's Chambers*

14:30–14:40 Live Q&A

# Presenters

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### Alex Troup (call: 1993), Head of Wills & Trusts, St John's Chambers

Alex is ranked as the only star individual on the Western Circuit in chancery matters by Chambers UK. Alex was shortlisted for 'Junior of the Year' in the regional category of The Legal 500 UK Awards 2020. He has a thriving chancery practice with a particular emphasis on Contentious probate and administration of estates, Trusts, Property litigation, Court of Protection, Associated professional negligence claims and Mediation.

### Andrew Jones, Senior Associate, Hugh James

Andrew is a senior associate dealing with the tax and estate planning affairs of farmers, entrepreneurs, international clients and those with high net worth. He is a tax specialist, dealing with income tax, capital gains tax and inheritance tax for private clients, with a particular focus on trust and estate taxation. His areas of expertise include trusts law generally and in particular the use of trusts for tax planning and estate planning purposes. He also has a particular specialisation in the affairs of clients with more than one jurisdiction in their lives, such as non-UK domiciled individuals living in the UK, UK ex-pats living elsewhere, the owners of non-UK assets and multi-national families. His career history includes three years as a trust lawyer in Bermuda, and he was an author of the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> editions of Brighthouse's Precedents of Wills.



### Jody Atkinson (call: 2005), Barrister, St John's Chambers

Jody is frequently instructed in contentious probate cases, where the validity of a will is challenged. Jody is uniquely well placed to advise parties to claims under the Inheritance (Provision for Family and Dependents) Act 1975. This difficult jurisdiction combines elements of matrimonial and probate law, and he has the ideal skill set, with experience in both areas.

### Natasha Dzameh (call: 2010), Barrister, St John's Chambers

Natasha has extensive experience of wills, trusts and probate matters. She is regularly instructed as sole counsel on matters of significant value from pre-action through to trial or mediation. Natasha advises on all aspects of estate administration and is particularly familiar with applications to remove personal representatives and trustees. Natasha acted as junior to Leslie Blohm QC in respect of the administration of the estate of the late Barry Pring, a case which received national press coverage. This concerned a millionaire who died intestate in the Ukraine and the issue of forfeiture.



### Sarah Bolt, Hugh James



Sarah Bolt joined Hugh James's Contested Wills, Trusts and Estates team in London from global law firm, Harney, Westwood & Riegels LP, where she worked internationally on high value, complex and cross-border disputes, including disputes across the British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Bermuda, Singapore, Hong Kong, PRC, United States, European Union, Russia, Ukraine and Seychelles.

Sarah has over a decade of experience covering contentious aspects of commercial, insolvency, trust, and estate litigation. Within this, she has built up a specialist focus on cross-border and charity legacy disputes, and has acted for clients including CRUK, BHF, RNIB, Donkey Sanctuary, Save the Children, Macmillan Cancer Support, the Alzheimer's Society and RNLI.

Sarah has built up a strong reputation, acting for trustees, trust companies, executors, beneficiaries, banks, registered agents, and insolvency practitioners.



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### Leslie Blohm QC (call: 1982), Head of Commercial & Chancery, St John's Chambers

Leslie has been awarded 'Chancery Silk of the Year' at the Chambers Bar Awards 2019, a prestigious award recognising Leslie's pre-eminence in his key practice areas. He is one of the country's foremost chancery barristers with experience of appearing in front of the highest courts in wills and trusts cases. He has over 30 years' experience of conducting contentious probate litigation, comprising; Disputes as to the validity of wills, Proper administration of



### Annie Sampson (call: 2015), Barrister, St John's Chambers

Annie's broad commercial and chancery practice encompasses wills and trusts work, real estate matters, commercial disputes, professional negligence claims and insolvency proceedings. Annie also has experience of acting at all stages of disputes, including pre-litigation, on interim applications, at trial and on appeal, having successfully appealed errors of law and fact and gone on to obtain judgement for a sum due under a contract which had at first instance been held to be unenforceable.

### Matthew Evans, Partner, Hugh James

Matthew's expertise lies in all aspects of contentious probate including: contesting a will/defending a will challenge, bringing and defending Inheritance Act claims, estates and trust disputes, Court of Protection disputes and Bringing and defending claims founded in doctrines of equity, such as proprietary estoppel and constructive trusts. Matthew regularly receives instructions from a wide range of clients including lay beneficiaries, professional trustees and executors, company directors, charities, financial institutions, and trust corporations.



### Charlie Newington-Bridges (call:2011), Barrister, St. John's Chambers

Charlie undertakes a wide range of commercial and chancery work in litigation, arbitration and mediation. He has experience of substantial, complex and high-value litigation in the High Court and the Court of Appeal. He also has wide experience in the county courts and in injunction applications. His work is often court-based where he is recognised in the directories as 'brilliant, the hardest-working counsel I have seen'.

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