PROPRIETARY ESTOPPEL WEBINAR SERIES

CPD: 1 hour each Free to attend via Zoom

Wednesday, 21st September @ 1.00pm - 2.00pm

- Reasonable reliance and commercial nuances
 Jack Pankhurst, Barrister
- Update on remedy: alleviating detriment v fulfilling the promise
 Joss Knight, Barrister

Wednesday, 5th October @ 1.00pm - 2.00pm

- Estoppel & equitable easements Brittany Pearce, Barrister
- Protecting the family farm: some strategies for avoiding and defending proprietary estoppel claims against farms Alex Troup, Head of Wills & Trusts

Wednesday, 12th October @ 5.00pm - 6.00pm (in person and also via Zoom)

This final seminar will be hosted at St John's Chambers, followed by drinks and canapés.

- Constructive trusts v proprietary estoppel Natasha Dzameh, Deputy Head of Commercial
- Varying agreements by estoppel
 Leslie Blohm QC, Head of Chancery &
 Commercial



Leslie Blohm QC Year of call: 1982 QC: 2006



Alex Troup Year of call: 1998



Natasha Dzameh Year of call: 2010



Joss Knight Year of call: 2014



Brittany Pearce Year of call: 2015



Jack Pankhurst Year of call: 2021

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Leslie Blohm QC, Head of Commercial & Chancery Barrister, Call 1982 Silk Call 2006

"Leslie is very intelligent, always good with the clients and comes across very confident. The amount of prep he puts in is significant. He goes above and beyond."

CHAMBERS UK, 2022 REAL ESTATE LITIGATION

Leslie was 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 praised for having an exceptional real estate practice with extensive expertise in contracts for the sale of land, development and overage agreements, commercial landlord and tenant disputes and town and village green applications.

He acts for a range of clients from private individuals to local authorities to substantial corporations, and regularly acts in relation to property disputes often involving overlaps with other specialist areas of law such as partnership, insolvency and company law.

Leslie has recently been identified as the only QC ranked as a leading professional adviser to the Private Wealth market (outside London), where he is featured in the High Net Worth Guide 2021.

He is also recommended in Who's Who UK Bar: Real Estate 2022 for his impressive work on a range of real estate matters, including lease disputes, enfranchisement and planning.

Alex Troup Head of Wills & Trusts, Barrister, Call 1998 St John's Chambers

"Alex is a very capable and forthright barrister."

CHAMBERS UK 2022, REAL ESTATE

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 & Trusts Practice Group at St John's Chambers.

Alex is instructed in property litigation cases which sometimes overlap with his trust and contentious probate practice, such as proprietary estoppel claims, disputes over the beneficial ownership of property, and challenges to the validity of inter vivos gifts of property. He has appeared in courts and tribunals at all levels in relation to property disputes, including an appearance as junior counsel in the House of Lords in *Bettison v Langton* [2002] 1 AC 27, a case concerning rights of common.

Alex has been trained as a mediator with the London School of Mediation and works both as a mediator and as a representative at mediations.

He has been consistently recommended as a leading junior in Chambers UK, Legal 500 and Legal Experts.

Natasha Dzameh Deputy Head of Commercial Barrister, Call 2010 St John's Chambers

"Natasha gives a very thorough review of issues and detailed written advice, thus clients feel very confident with her approach. She is so enthusiastic and determined to put in the hard yards. Solicitors love her and she fights her corner really hard."

CHAMBERS UK, 2022 REAL ESTATE

Natasha is consistently ranked as a leading junior in Chambers UK and Legal 500 and is often instructed as sole counsel in high value, multifaceted commercial and chancery litigation. She has been published in the Trusts and Estates Law & Tax Journal several times on: Beddoe orders and protective cost orders; forfeiture; inheritance act claims; the sealing of royal wills; and will construction.

Natasha's traditional chancery practice is focused on contentious probate disputes, proprietary estoppel and trust of land claims. She is accustomed to deploying tactical applications during the litigation process, successfully securing a £625,000 freezing injunction to recover a major asset of an estate prior to trial. She is frequently instructed on mediations, particularly in relation to inheritance act disputes and trust of land matters. Natasha has been instructed on complicated trials concerning issues such as duress, proprietary estoppel, undue influence and will validity as well as hotly contested applications to remove personal representatives. She also acted as junior to Leslie Blohm QC on a forfeiture case which garnered national press coverage.



Joss Knight Barrister, Call 2014 St John's Chambers

"Joss is a very effective advocate. He provides sound advice." LEGAL 500, 2022

CHANCERY, PROBATE & TAX

Joss specialises in trusts, probate and professional negligence matters, often with a real estate angle. He acted for the successful party in the widely cited proprietary estoppel/constructive trust case *Culliford v Thorpe* [2018] EWHC 426 (Ch) and is ranked as a leading junior in both professional negligence and chancery, probate & tax in Legal 500.

Regular areas of work include TOLATA disputes, contentious probate litigation, applications for the removal of executors, Inheritance Act claims and property negligence proceedings.

Brittany Pearce Barrister, Call 2015 St John's Chambers

"Brittany provides expert advice, is professional in her manner and approachable. Her advice is detailed yet practical."

LEGAL 500, 2022 PROPERTY

Brittany is ranked as a 'rising star' in tier 1 for The Legal 500 guide in her specialist areas, and is described as an "effective advocate, and excellent in dealing with clients". Brittany specialises in real property disputes and probate & trust cases. She is comfortable dealing with a variety of procedural matters and has appeared in the county courts, tribunals and the High Court.

Brittany is often involved in all stages of property disputes, ranging from initial advice through interlocutory matters, settlement efforts, trial and enforcement. Her primary focus is to provide the client with realistic advice at an early stage so that the optimum outcome can be achieved at proportionate cost.

Jack Pankhurst Barrister, Call 2021 St John's Chambers

Jack joined Chambers in April 2022 following the successful completion of his specialist commercial and chancery pupillage. He accepts instructions in all of the main areas of commercial and chancery law. Jack's pupil supervisors were Nick Pointon, Charlie Newington-Bridges, Oliver Wooding, and James Pearce-Smith.

At the start of pupillage, Jack gained significant experience of offshore disputes, including private client work as well as heavy-weight commercial litigation before the Royal Court of Jersey. Since starting his practice, Jack has been instructed to assist as English counsel in various offshore matters in his own right. He maintains a growing practice in this area.

Jack also regularly appears in trials and in a range of interim procedural hearings such as applications to strike out claims and set aside judgments. In addition to his commercial practice, Jack undertakes a range of more traditional chancery work, including advice and representation in property, wills and trust matters. He recently appeared in the High Court on a pre-action disclosure application relating to a will.

Before coming to the Bar, Jack worked briefly in the buying department of a large UK business and as a Germanspeaking Analyst at JPMorgan.