

# STEP CONTENTIOUS PROBATE SEMINAR

Wednesday, 19th April 2023 @ 5.25pm - 6.30pm

Venue: St John's Chambers, 101 Victoria Street, Bristol

Registration: 5.00pm

CPD: 1 hour

This joint seminar organised by STEP & St John's Chambers, and sponsored by Title Research is aimed at practitioners involved in contentious probate work.

Please join us afterwards for drinks & canapes.

## Booking information

Prior booking is essential; Please reserve your place by completing the attached booking form and sending it via e-mail to: [Suzy.Pawsey@wbd-uk.com](mailto:Suzy.Pawsey@wbd-uk.com)



## Programme:

5.25 Welcome, Alex Troup, Head of Wills & Trusts

5.30 Title Research

5.35 **Want of knowledge and approval, an update**

John Dickinson, Barrister

John will give an overview of the principles, an update on recent cases and some pointers as to what excites the suspicion of the court

6.00 **The interplay between property co-ownership and estates disputes**

Christopher Jones, Head of Commercial & Chancery

Christopher will look at recent property ownership disputes, including *Guest v Guest*, *Hudson v Hathway* and *Dunbabin v Dunbabin*, and set out some tips for the busy probate lawyer.



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# SPEAKERS



Alex Troup  
Head of Wills & Trusts  
Year of call 1998

**“Alex is extremely astute and robust. He commands respect in the courtroom.”**

**LEGAL 500, 2023**

Alex is ranked as the only ‘star individual’ on the Western Circuit in chancery matters by Chambers UK and is Head of our Wills & Trusts team. For the second year running he has been identified as the only ‘star ranked’ leading professional adviser to the Private Wealth market (outside London), where he is featured in the High Net Worth Guide 2022. Alex was also shortlisted for ‘Junior of the Year’ in the regional category of The Legal 500 UK Awards 2020.



John Dickinson  
Barrister  
Year of call: 1995

**“John is very thorough, and can marshal complex facts to provide clear legal advice. He is efficient and good with clients.”**

**LEGAL 500 2023, CHANCERY, PROBATE & TAX**

John is a barrister specialising in contentious probate, Court of Protection, all areas of real estate work including conveyancing disputes, boundaries and easements, landlord & tenant, partnership, banking, pensions, insolvency, company law and shareholder disputes. John’s commercial practice includes local authority procurement claims, breach of contract, restraint of trade, sale of goods, consumer credit and fraud. He has been described by peers as having an amazing knowledge of the law, and an ability to carry out in-depth analysis of complex facts and issues.



Christopher Jones  
Head of Chancery & Commercial  
Year of call: 2004

**“Chris is great on his feet – a real show stopper.’ ‘He is amazing at consolidating down information and presenting it in a fashion which puts across the client’s strongest possible case.’ ‘Christopher can explain a tricky concept or issue in an understandable and relevant way. That is a valuable skill.’ ”**

**CHAMBERS UK, 2023 , CHANCERY**

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 also regularly advises on professional negligence claims, particularly in relation to claims against solicitors, accountants and tax consultants in relation to negligent conveyancing and tax advice as well as being a trained mediator.

## STEP Bristol – Event Booking Form

Event details:	Bristol STEP Contentious Probate Update With St John's Chambers
Event date:	<b>19 April 2023</b>
Delegate's name:	
Delegate's firm:	
Delegate's email address:	
Delegate a STEP member?	Yes   No
If <b>yes</b> , please state your membership number (full or student):	
Fee payable:	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Free</b>