

STEP CONTENTIOUS PROBATE UPDATE SEMINAR

Wednesday, 31st January @ 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: step.bristol@step.org



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Programme:

- 5.00 Registration and refreshments
- 5.25 Welcome, Christopher Jones , Head of Chancery and Commercial Practice Group
- 5:30 Title Research
- 5.35 Defending and settling 1975 Act Claims— some lessons from the coalface
Alex Troup KC, Barrister
Alex will draw on his recent experiences and the latest caselaw to offer some practical tips for defending and settling claims made under the Inheritance (Provisions for Family and Dependents) Act 1975
- 6.00 A view from the bench: A few words on helping the judge and blunder avoidance
HHJ Leslie Blohm KC
HHJ Blohm KC will talk about the blunders to beware and approaches to adopt in typical trusts and estate application before local courts. This will be his personal view and he offers no guarantees that other judges will be similarly swayed.
- 6.25 Questions



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SPEAKERS



Alex Troup KC
Head of Wills & Trusts
Call: 1998 KC: 2023

"A top-rated barrister and mediator, and his combination of skill, expertise and excellent bedside manner is evidenced time and again on every instruction. He can command a room whilst simultaneously remaining professional and sensitive to a client's position. The quality of his work is always impeccable."

LEGAL 500, 2024, CHANCERY, PROBATE & TAX

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 2023. Alex was also shortlisted for 'Junior of the Year' in the regional category of The Legal 500 UK Awards 2020.



HHJ Leslie Blohm KC

HHJ Blohm KC is the Designated Civil Judge for Avon, Somerset and Gloucester, hearing cases in the county court, King's Bench Division and Chancery Division. Called to the bar in 1982 he took silk in 2006 with a general chancery practice, with an emphasis on proprietary estoppel claims and estate forfeiture claims under the Forfeiture Act 1982. He was appointed as a recorder in 2003 and Deputy High Court Judge (Chancery) in 2008.



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


"Chris is excellent. He is very pragmatic and solution-orientated. He is very clever, good in the courtroom, has brilliant cross-examination skills and is so good with clients.' 'He is very down to earth with clients, and has a good sense of humour and puts clients at ease'."

CHAMBERS UK, 2024, 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

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Event date:	Wednesday 31st January 2024
Booking deadline:	Friday 26th January 2024
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Delegate's firm:	
Delegate's email address:	
Delegate a STEP member?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If yes , please state your membership number (full or student):	
Fee payable:	<input type="checkbox"/> £30 (<i>members</i>) <input type="checkbox"/> £50 (<i>non-members</i>) <input type="checkbox"/> Free (<i>diploma student members</i>)
Please indicate your payment method:	<input type="checkbox"/> Electronic transfer (preferred) <input type="checkbox"/> Cheque payable to "STEP"
<u>Payments by transfer:</u> Account Name: STEP (Bristol Branch) Bank: HSBC Bank, 23 High St, Thornbury, Bristol, BS35 2AE Sort Code: 40-44-41, Account No.: 71467972 Once completed, please e-mail this form to Step.bristol@step.org	<u>Payments by cheque:</u> Send cheques payable to 'STEP' with a copy of this form to: Austin Gill Hugh James Two Central Square Cardiff CF10 1FS
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