

CONTENTIOUS PROBATE UPDATE 2022

Organised by St John's Chambers and RWK Goodman

Wednesday, 23rd November 2022 @ 1.30pm - 4.30pm

RWK Goodman, Midland Bridge House, Bath, BA2 3FP

Cost: £40 + VAT

St John's Chambers and RWK Goodman are delighted to invite you to their annual contentious probate update seminar held in association with Stone King.

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.



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Topics

- Fraudulent calumny and undue influence: suspicions of foul play
- *Hughes v Pritchard* [2022] 3 WLR 153 – testamentary capacity in the Court of Appeal
- Hot topics: the essential recent cases every contentious probate practitioner needs to know about
- Put up or shut up' orders following *Parsons v Reid* [2022] EWHC 755 (Ch)
- Rectification: not quite such an open and shut case
- Proprietary estoppel - quantifying the equity in light of the Supreme Court's judgment in *Guest v Guest*

Drinks and canapés will be served after the seminar, with the opportunity to network with fellow professionals.

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PROGRAMME

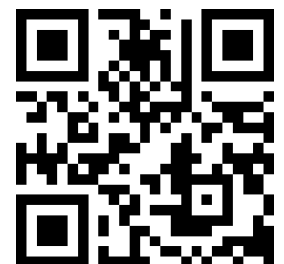
1.00 - 1.25pm	Registration & refreshments
1.25 - 1.30pm	Welcome and introduction from the Chair Mike Muston, Senior Associate, RWK Goodman
1.30 - 1.55pm	Proprietary estoppel - quantifying the equity in light of the Supreme Court's judgment in <i>Guest v Guest</i> Christopher Jones, Head of Commercial & Chancery, St John's Chambers
1.55 - 2.20pm	'Put up or shut up' orders following <i>Parsons v Reid</i> [2022] EWHC 755 (Ch) Luke Watson, Partner, Stone King
2.20 - 2.45pm	<i>Hughes v Pritchard</i> [2022] 3 WLR 153 – testamentary capacity in the Court of Appeal Alex Troup, Head of Wills & Trusts, St John's Chambers
2.45 - 3.05pm	Cream teas
3.05 - 3.30pm	Fraudulent calumny and undue influence: suspicions of foul play Amanda Noyce, Partner, RWK Goodman
3.30 - 3.55pm	Rectification: not quite such an open and shut case Calum Campbell, Senior Associate, RWK Goodman
3.55 - 4.20pm	Hot topics: the essential recent cases every contentious probate practitioner needs to know about Oliver Wooding, Barrister, St John's Chambers
4.20 - 4.30pm	Question & Answers
4.30pm	Drinks and canapes



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SPEAKERS



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

"Alex is extremely astute and robust. He commands respect in the courtroom."
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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. He has recently 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. He is well known and highly praised for his ability to handle complex disputes concerning wills and trusts, and he is also described by a commentator as a 'phenomenal mediator.' 'Alex is highly knowledgeable and able to deal with highly complex factual and legal disputes, and disputes concerning intricate matters of law and procedure. Alex was instructed to act for the successful second and third defendants in the High Court in the noteworthy case of *Hughes v Pritchard and others* [2021] EWHC 1580 (Ch).



Christopher Jones, Head of Commercial & Chancery, Call 2004, St John's Chambers

"An excellent trial advocate who is unafraid to fight his corner."
LEGAL 500, 2023 (CHANCERY, PROBATE & TAX)

Christopher is a wills and trusts barrister, regularly advising in cases involving the division of assets between cohabitants, disputed wills and the administration of trusts and estates. He is also a qualified mediator and can be instructed to mediate private client disputes. He is consistently recommended as a leading junior in Chambers UK and Legal 500. Christopher was led by Leslie Blohm QC, when they successfully represented Lucy Habberfield before the Court of Appeal. Lucy had worked on her parents' farm, relying on promises over many years, for low wages and long hours. Following a two day hearing, the Court of Appeal rejected her mother's appeal, and upheld the judgment of Mr Justice Birss who had awarded Lucy £1,170,000. The case considers the tension between awarding a remedy which fulfils the expectation, and a remedy which compensates the detriment suffered.



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

"An excellent problem solver with a forensic eye for detail. His reassuring and calming style is a real asset."
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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 Dependants) Act 1975, the removal of executors, construction of wills and trust documents, and for rectification of wills and trust documents. He is also a student member of STEP and ACTAPS and gives regular talks in the subject area. His expertise includes: administration of estates; disputed wills; inheritance act claims; proprietary estoppel, trusts and mediation. Oliver appeared at trial for an adult daughter in a claim under Inheritance (Provision for Family Dependants) Act 1975 for financial provision out of her father's Estate, which was left entirely to his second wife in the case of *Ames v Jones & Ors* [2016] EW Misc B67 (CC). The case caused considerable press attention and was featured in the Daily Telegraph, Daily Mail and This Morning.

SPEAKERS



Luke Watson, Partner, Stone King

Luke is a Partner in the Dispute Resolution team at Stone King who specialises in contentious trust and probate disputes with over 20 years' experience in this area. Luke is a full member of ACTAPS. Luke's contentious trust and probate practice involves the full array of claims in this area including disputed wills, claims under the Inheritance Act 1975, breach of trust claims and proprietary estoppel. Luke acts for national charities, personal representatives, trustees and beneficiaries and has a particular interest in and experience of contentious trust and probate disputes which span multiple jurisdictions including current cases involving Singapore, France and Germany.



Amanda Noyce, Partner, RWK Goodman

"One of the most established hands in estate and trust litigation there is. She is absolutely first class, she's extraordinarily sympathetic, she is personable and kind and very reassuring for clients, she has an absolutely peerless legal brain."

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"Amanda Noyce is a highly experienced contentious probate and trusts lawyer with a first-rate reputation. She brings a very pragmatic approach to an area of law where emotions can often run high, which is ultimately to the benefit of her clients. She provides sensible and realistic advice." LEGAL 500

Amanda is the partner with responsibility for RWK Goodman's specialist Contested Wills, Trusts & Inheritance Disputes team. With 30 years' experience in the profession, Amanda was short-listed for Lawyer of the Year for her work on the high profile Barton case in the 2018 Bristol Law Society awards. She has practiced in both the non-contentious and contentious areas of inheritance, probate and trusts, but now specialises exclusively in contentious probate and trusts work. Amanda is ranked a Leading Individual by the Legal 500 and as a Band 1 lawyer in the Chambers High Net Worth Guide.



Calum Campbell, Senior Associate, RWK Goodman

"Calum is very thorough, commercially minded and pragmatic, says one source, while another commends him for being an 'extraordinarily approachable, down-to-earth and engaging man'." CHAMBERS HIGH NETWORTH GUIDE

"Calum is a solid private client and property litigator, combining a depth of legal knowledge with a tenacious approach to litigation, yet at all times keeping an eye on the client's objectives." LEGAL 500

Calum is a Senior Associate in our Contested Wills, Trusts & Inheritance Disputes team who specialises in defending or contesting Wills and advising on a broad range of inheritance disputes. Calum specialised in this area after several years practicing as a property and general litigator, with a particular focus on inheritance and trust disputes. He is ranked as a Rising Star by the Legal 500 and a Star Associate in the Chambers High Net Worth Guide. Calum takes satisfaction in working with clients in a pragmatic manner to find a way through what are often challenging and upsetting circumstances.