

Overview

Court of Protection
Partnership and Joint
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Arbitration

Profile: Overview

Katherine has a traditional Chancery practice and is consistently recommended by the legal directories as a leading junior for traditional Chancery and private client, trusts and probate work and is also recommended for Court of Protection expertise. Katherine really enjoys solving the legal problems that each client's unique circumstances present.

Experience and Expertise

Katherine has a practice that covers a wide range of traditional Chancery work.

Katherine has particular experience and expertise in relation to all aspects of trusts, wills, inheritance and estate administration. In addition, she has been involved in numerous Court of Protection cases.

She also advises and litigates about property matters including mortgage and landlord and tenant cases.

Partnership disputes are another area in which Katherine has significant experience.

Katherine also deals with professional negligence cases, typically arising out of her core areas of practice.

Cases and Work of Note

- *Martin v Williams* [2017] EWHC 491 (Inheritance Act case in which Katherine acted for the deceased's long term partner and successfully argued that on the facts she was a co-habitee qualified to apply for financial provision)
- *Workman v Forrester* [2017] EWCA Civ 73 (Katherine acted for Mr Workman who had been convicted of his wife's murder. Judgment was entered in claim for damages for wrongful death in an amount to be decided by the Court. The Court of Appeal confirmed an unless order may make entry of judgment for a specific sum the consequence of default, without the Claimant having to prove loss.)
- *Jeffery v Jeffery* [2013] EWHC 1942 (Alleged testamentary incapacity, fraud, undue influence and want of knowledge and approval)
- *NT v FS* [2013] EWHC 684 (Court of Protection, making of a statutory will)
- *D v JC* (2012) MHLO 35 (COP) (Application for statutory will)
- *Dean v Barclays Bank plc* [2007] EWHC 1390 (Ch) (Claim for breach of mortgagee's duty to sell at best price)
- *Abbott v Richardson* LTL 12/5/2006 (Testamentary capacity of elderly testatrix)
- *Donington Park Leisure Ltd v Wheatcroft & Sons Ltd* [2006] PLSCS (Determination of various issues as to the construction and the implied terms of a licence concerning a car park at Donington Park Race circuit)
- *Michael v Cansick* [2004] EWHC 1684 (Ch) (Undue influence issues arising out of challenge by a beneficiary of a will to an inter-vivos transfer of a house by the deceased shortly before he died)
- *Williams v Glyn Owen* [2004] PNLR 20 (Measure of damage suffered by the purchaser of a farm as a consequence of his solicitor's failure to advise about service of a notice to complete)
- *Parsons v George* [2004] 1 WLR 3264 (Application to substitute party after expiry of limitation period)
- *Adamson v Halifax plc* [2003] 1 WLR 60 (Quantification of damage for sale by mortgagee at an undervalue)
- *Oates v Pittman* (1998) 5 PNLR 683 (Damages for negligence of conveyancer)
- *Kphohraror v Woolwich* [1996] 4 AER 119 (Damages for dishonour of cheque)
- *Halifax Building Society v Edell* [1992] Ch 436 (Jurisdiction of Building Societies Ombudsman)

Recommendations

Recent directory editorial comment has included the following:

- "She is extremely pragmatic, a real team player, turns advice around quickly and efficiently and will adapt her style to suit the client." (Court of Protection: Property & Affairs, Chambers UK 2018)
- "Very forceful in making her arguments and someone who always follows them up very diligently. She is confident in court and always fights hard for her clients." "Her main strength is that she is extremely pragmatic and a real team player. She is very happy to get involved and turn advice around quickly and effectively." (Chancery: Traditional, Chambers UK 2018)
- "Not afraid to roll up her sleeves to help out: clients love her." (Court of Protection & Private Client, The Legal 500, 2017)
- "She is a very fair opponent who is courteous and friendly. If I have a case against her we can normally go a long way to narrowing the issues and coming to a fair conclusion." (Court of Protection (Property and Affairs), Chambers UK, 2017)
- "She's just very easy to deal with, very straightforward, and in touch all the time." (Chancery: Traditional, Chambers UK, 2017)
- "She has a very resilient client manner and never gives up in helping to fight for access to justice." (Private Client: Trusts and Probate, The Legal 500, 2016)
- excellent and very approachable, she's good at understanding the human factors in a case and taking them into account.
- focuses on practical outcomes, is very accessible and always delivers to deadlines.
- has great ability and is also a great team player.
- as an advocate she is always well prepared.
- incredibly conscientious and a real asset on any team.
- unfailingly incisive.
- has an excellent grasp of technical issues.
- can always be relied upon to get to the heart of the issue, however complex.
- instils great confidence in clients.
- very user-friendly and a real team player.
- very empathetic to clients' positions - she always sees the wider picture.
- has an approachable and supportive manner.
- quick at returning papers and answering queries.
- someone whose name on a brief materially enhances your chances of success.

Seminars

Professional Negligence in Wills, Probate and Tax Planning

Gifts, the Provision of Maintenance and Statutory Wills in the Court of Protection

Testamentary Capacity

Mistakes in Will Drafting

Qualifications

BA (Oxon)

Memberships

Chancery Bar Association; ACTAPS; Professional Negligence Bar Association; STEP.

Publications

Member of Lexis PSL Private Client Consulting Editorial Board

Other Details

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