



## Poppy Rimington-Pounder

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Poppy has a broad chancery practice spanning all of chambers' core practice areas, with a particular interest in private client matters. She was ranked as a "Rising Star" in the latest edition of the Legal 500 for Private Wealth and Probate.

#### PRIVATE CLIENT

Poppy is regularly instructed in both contentious and non-contentious private client matters. Her recent work includes:

- Probate claims concerning testamentary capacity, knowledge and approval, undue influence and fraudulent calumny
- Claims under the Inheritance (Provision for Family and Dependants) Act 1975
- Challenges to lifetime transactions
- The removal and/or appointment of personal representatives and trustees
- Costs disputes over a trustee and/or personal representative's indemnity
- Claims for accounts against trustees and personal representatives
- Advising on the construction of wills and trusts, including in relation to the Human Rights Act 1998, s.33 of the Wills Act 1837, and perpetuity issues
- Rectification of wills and trusts
- Applications to vary trusts under the Variation of Trusts Act 1958
- Cases involving *donatio mortis causa*
- *Dixon Coles & Gill (A Former Firm) v Baines, Bishop of Leeds & Anor* [2021] EWCA Civ 1097 – assisting Thomas Dumont QC, who successfully argued that law firm partners could rely on the innocent trustees' 6-year limitation period under section 21 of the Limitation Act 1980, even when their fraudulent partner had stolen the proceeds of conveyancing transactions
- *Olga Vladimirovna Scherbakova et al v Brigita Morina et al* BVIHCM 2018/0134 – (as a secondee) drafting submissions on behalf of certain beneficiaries of an estate in relation to the costs of an application by an estate's administrators for the assessment of their remuneration, expenses and disbursements, which had been unsuccessfully opposed by another beneficiary

#### PROPERTY

Poppy regularly attends possession hearings and has experience in a broad range of property matters. Her recent work includes:

- Claims under the Trusts of Land and Appointment of Trustees Act 1996

- Proprietary estoppel claims
- Claims under the Landlord and Tenant Act 1954
- Forfeiture proceedings
- Applications for determination of breach of lease under s.168 of the Commonhold and Leasehold Reform Act 2002
- 8, s.21 and Rent Act 1977 possession proceedings
- Rent arrears and disrepair claims, for both residential and commercial premises
- Claims concerning misrepresentation in property transactions
- Applications for charging orders
- Advising on easements and restrictive covenants

## **INSOLVENCY AND COMPANY**

Poppy regularly appears in the High Court and County Court on bankruptcy petitions, winding-up petitions, and other insolvency and company law matters. Her recent work includes:

- Preference, transaction at undervalue and misfeasance claims
- Annulment applications
- Applications relating to the sale of property in bankruptcy
- Private examinations, including successfully obtaining personal costs orders against examinees
- Applications to re-use company names
- Applications for administration extensions
- Applications to fix office-holders' remuneration
- Applications to rectify the Companies House register
- Unfair prejudice petitions, while assisting senior junior counsel
- (As a secondee) assisting with applications to appoint soft touch provisional liquidators

## **COMMERCIAL**

Poppy is regularly instructed to appear as an advocate, advise and settle pleadings in commercial disputes. Her recent work includes:

- Breach of contract claims
- Debt claims
- Misrepresentation claims
- (As a secondee) settling pleadings in a claim for unjust enrichment worth US \$1.2 million

## **RECOGNITION**

- Rising Star (Private Wealth and Probate, Legal 500 UK Bar 2024)

## **QUALIFICATIONS**

- BPTC, City Law School (Outstanding) (2017-2018)
- GDL, City Law School (Commendation) (2016-2017)
- BA in Classics, New College, University of Oxford (First Class) (2011-2015)

Poppy read Classics at New College, Oxford, and graduated in 2015 with a Double First. She then taught Classics (and coached football) at Winchester College before coming to the Bar.

## **SCHOLARSHIPS AND PRIZES**

- Wolfson Scholarship (Lincoln's Inn) (2018)
- Buchanan Prize (Lincoln's Inn) (2018)
- Winner of The Times 2TG Moot 2018
- Lord Denning Scholarship (Lincoln's Inn) (2017)
- Hardwicke Entrance Award (Lincoln's Inn) (2017)
- Academic Scholarship (City Law School) (2017)

- Lord Haldane Scholarship (Lincoln's Inn) (2016)
- Charles Oldham Scholarship (University of Oxford) (2013)
- Academic Scholarship (New College, University of Oxford) (2013)

During her legal studies Poppy participated in a number of mooting competitions, becoming a finalist in the City Law School GDL Moot 2017 and winning The Times 2TG Moot 2018.

#### **MEMBERSHIPS**

- Chancery Bar Association (ChBA)
- The Contentious Trusts Association (ConTrA)
- The Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn