



## Radcliffe Chambers Private Client Conference 2025

**Date:** 14 October 2025

**Location:** One Moorgate Place  
Chartered Accountants Hall, 1 Moorgate Pl,  
London EC2R 6EA, United Kingdom

### Programme

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**12:00 – 13:00**

**Registration, buffet lunch, tea and coffee**  
Main Reception Room

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**13:00 – 13:05**

**Opening Remarks by Wendy Mathers**  
Great Hall

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**13:05 – 13:50**

**Open Plenary – Pitch to Partners**  
Great Hall

Pitch to Partners will see our barristers, Louis Grandjouan, Rachel Lane and Sam Lane, compete against each other to pitch the best cases of 2024/2025 to a panel of partners which include Sangita Manek of Irwin Mitchell, Roman Kubiak of Hugh James and Emma Holland of Stewarts. Who will win, will you agree?

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**13:55 - 14:40**

**Session 1: Breakout**

### Dealing with vulnerable clients during litigation – Great Hall

Kay Baker of Ellisons and Tamasin Perkins of Charles Russell Speechlys will join Matthew Mills and Emma Loizou, to consider both the law and practice relating to capacity and vulnerability. For capacity, they will discuss entering lifetime transactions, conducting litigation, and giving evidence. For

vulnerability they will discuss how you can assist vulnerable clients both in and out of court. They will also speak in particular about neurodiversity and mediation.

## **“Genealogy and the Courts: From Heir Hunting to Kin Inquiries” - Auditorium**

In this session, Polly Stephenson of Ashtons Legal LLP, Philip Turvey of Anglia Research, Daniel Burton and James Anson-Holland, will be covering a range of topics which arise in private client disputes over biological family relationships. Specifically:

- James will explain what ultimately leads to a kin inquiry (including the role of heir hunters) and the types of genealogical evidence used to determine who takes under an intestate estate.
- Daniel will cover DNA evidence in inheritance disputes, including the science, the mathematics and the approach of the Court.
- Polly will share her experiences of various genealogical disputes and kin inquiries in which she has acted, including a very recent case involving contested DNA evidence.

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**14:45 – 15:05**

### **Coffee Break**

Main Reception Room and foyer outside the Auditorium

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**15:10 – 15:55**

### **Session 2: Breakout**

## **A Tale of Two [or more] Jurisdictions - Making sense of cross border succession issues – Great Hall**

Gareth Ledsham of Russell Cooke and Kate Selway KC will explore cross border estate and succession issues. They will talk us through an interesting case study partly concerning French property.

## **Foregoing formalities for wills: the Law Commission’s recommendation of a dispensing power - Auditorium**

Charisse Crawford of Trowers & Hamlins and Jack Bailey of Stevens & Bolton will join James Fagan and Harmish Mehta, to discuss the Law Commission’s recommendation that courts be given the power to dispense with the formality requirements for making a valid will.

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**16:00 – 16:45**

### **Session 3: Breakout**

## **Insolvent estates - Auditorium**

Nathan Hall of Maurice Turnor Gardner will join Andrew Brown and Jonathan Edwards, to explore: How is a person’s estate dealt with if bankruptcy proceedings were underway when they died, and how much of a role does the personal representative still have? What is the right way to handle situations where it is unclear whether the deceased was solvent or not? In what circumstances can past transactions be challenged or validated?

## **The Role of PRs: indemnity costs and how not to lose them – Great Hall**

Mark Keeley of Freeths will join Ed Hicks to discuss the roles and challenges of PRs (including independent administrators) when dealing with cooperation issues, conflict of interest, removal of executor applications and the impact of these issues on indemnity costs.

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**16:50 – 17:30**

### **Closing Plenary - New developments in the law of assisted dying**

Great Hall

Alexa Payet of Michelmores and Justin Holmes will discuss recent developments in the law relating to assisted dying, including:

- Relief from forfeiture applications;
- The decision in *Re Peace* relating to the compromise of relief from forfeiture applications;
- The current state of the new legislation;
- What we know about the likely procedure under the new law; and
- The potential effects of the passing of the new law on relief from forfeiture applications.

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**17:30 – 17:35**

### **Closing Remarks by Wendy Mathers**

Great Hall

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**17:35 - 20:00**

### **Drinks and Canapés**

One Moorgate Place Club

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