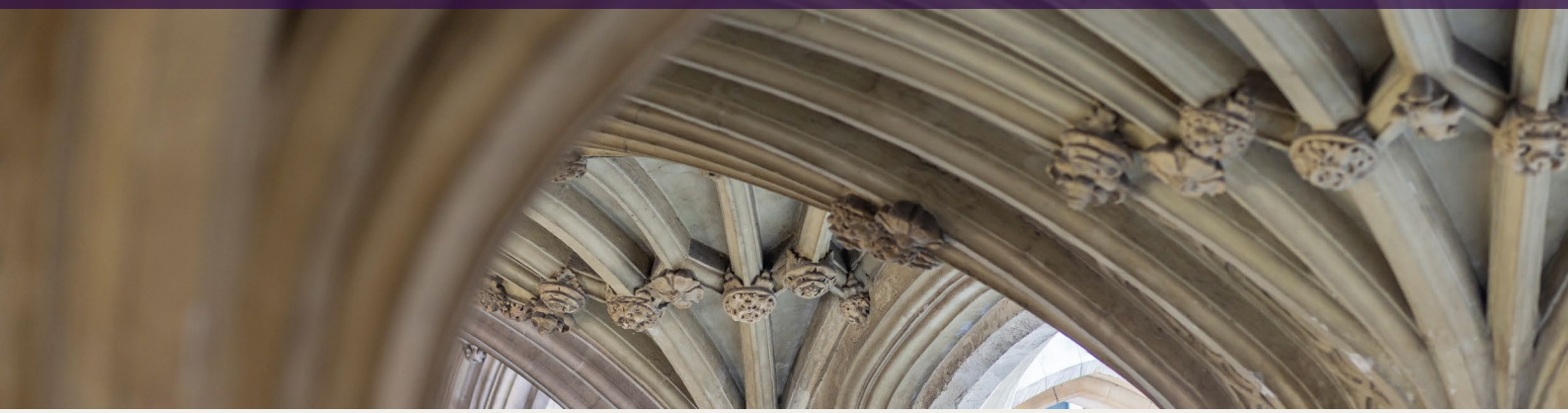
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Private Client Conference 2026

Date: 13 October 2026
Location: The View
43 Lincoln's Inn Fields, Holborn

Programme

12:00 – 13:00
Registration, buffet lunch, tea and coffee

13:00 – 13:05
Opening Remarks by Kate Selway KC

13:05 – 13:50
Open Plenary

Pitch to Partners
Pitch to Partners will see William Fitzalan Howard, Jessie Barnett-Cox and Harmish Mehta compete to pitch the best cases of 2025/2026 to a panel comprising Paula Myers of Womble Bond Dickinson, Ziva Robertson of Charles Russell Speechlys and Nicola Bushby of Boodle Hatfield. Who will win, and will you agree?

13:55 - 14:40
Session 2: Breakout

AI-generated evidence, deepfakes and fraud risks in estate disputes
Sarah Lee of PMC, Theo Backhouse of Farrer with Matt Mills and James Anson-Holland will discuss how AI can be used safely, both generally and specifically in the production of evidence and expert evidence. They will also consider the problems associated with AI and fraudulent evidence in private client disputes more generally, including how to spot a forged document and what evidence is needed to make your case.

A happy marriage? – when Chancery meets Family law
Simon Donald of Cripps, William Moffett KC and Amber Turner will consider the overlap between chancery and family law and the challenges and opportunities it presents.
Private client practitioners have plenty of experience dealing with family dynamics, which often play a key role in disputes about property, trusts and probate. Some of these cases bridge the divide

between the newly rebranded Business and Property Division and the Family Division of the High Court. Simon will offer his perspective as a family lawyer with significant experience of the latter, as well as insights into what Chancery practitioners should expect and how to thrive there.
The panel will also discuss common substantive areas of overlap, including TOLATA applications, 1975 Act claims by surviving spouses and the treatment of trusts on divorce.

14:45 – 15:05
Coffee Break

15:10–15:55
Session 3: Breakout

Where there's incapacity, there may still be a way: estate planning for clients who have lost capacity to make a will or gift
Heather West of Warners and Justin Holmes will discuss the practicalities of estate planning for incapacitated clients.

Topics to be covered will include:

- When estate planning is required;
- What sorts of estate planning can be achieved; and
- Problems which can arise in making applications to the Court of Protection for authority to make statutory wills or gifts.

Litigation in the Afterlife: Progressing Claims After Death
Polly Stephenson of Ashtons with James Fagan and Piers Digby will discuss *Litigation in the Afterlife*: what you need to do, including a case study that highlights why CPR 19.12 and substantive law may need an overhaul.
Death has an unfortunate knack for disrupting even the best-laid plans. But what happens when the scythe disrupts litigation, current or pending, and what should litigators do to best ensure actions continue after life

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16:00 – 16:45
Session 3: Breakout

Burial, Cremation and Funeral Disputes
Francesca Turner of Hunters and Jamie Cockfield will discuss burial and cremation disputes and *Cameron v Comerford* [2026], a decision of Chief Master Shuman, in which they acted for the successful fiancée of the deceased. Francesca will also discuss the future of burial disputes and reform of the law for cohabitees on intestacy.

Difficult People – Guerrilla Tactics
Maddie Cryer of Forsters, Izzy Walsh of Hall Brown and Josh Lewison will consider the challenges of dealing with difficult parties in contentious private client disputes, exploring some of the tactics they may employ and the practical steps advisers can take to manage them effectively.

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16:50 – 17:30
Closing Plenary

A View from the Bench: Judicial Fireside Chat
Lady Justice Asplin and James Morgan KC, who sits as a part-time judge, join Daniel Burton for an informal fireside chat offering insights into life on the Bench and the judicial process.

The discussion will explore the experience of becoming and serving as a judge, the practicalities of appeals and what legal representatives can do to assist the Court. The panel will also consider common challenges in litigation and the growing use of artificial intelligence in legal proceedings, sharing their perspectives and practical advice for practitioners.

17:30 – 17:35
Closing Remarks by Thomas Dumont KC

17:35 - 20:00
Drinks and Canapes