

Michael Culver TEP CTAPS

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Summary

I am a Wills and Probate and Contentious Probate Partner and Team Leader with Bolt Burdon Solicitors in Islington.

I have significant experience in dealing with tax planning, will drafting, the administration of estates, the creation and administration of trusts, defending and bringing claims and challenges to wills and trusts, Lasting Powers of Attorney, Deputy orders and disputes in the Court of Protection, living wills and care fees planning advice.

I joined Bolt Burdon in January 2014 having previously worked for Hilliers HRW Solicitors in Stevenage.

I am a Member of the Association of Contentious Trust and Probate Specialists (ACTAPS) and can assist in all types of wills and probate disputes.

I am a member of the Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners (STEP). STEP is the worldwide professional association for practitioners dealing with family inheritance and succession planning.

I am also a member of Solicitors for the Elderly (SFE). This is an independent, national organisation of lawyers who provide specialist legal advice for older and vulnerable people, their families and carers.

In June 2015 I was appointed to the Court of Protection's Panel for Professional Deputies, enabling me to manage the financial affairs of those clients who are unable to manage matters for themselves or in cases where there is not a suitable relative to manage such matters. If you require assistance with this type of work please do not hesitate to get in touch.

I am also a Dementia Friend's Champion for the Alzheimer's Society.

Specialties: Wills, Probate, Inheritance Tax planning and Contentious Wills and Probate Disputes

Experience

Partner and Head of Wealth and Estate Planning Team at Bolt Burdon

April 2016 - Present

With a particular specialism in high net worth individuals I have a wealth of experience in dealing with inheritance tax planning and the administration of estates, the creation and administration of trusts (both those created within a will and as a lifetime settlement) the preparation and registration of Lasting Powers of Attorney and applications to the Court of Protection.

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I can assist both UK and non UK domiciled clients.

My team and I can also assist with Wills and Probate disputes, Court of Protection disputes and Trust disputes.

I am a full member of the Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners (STEP), Solicitors for the Elderly (SFE) and the Association of Contentious Trust and Probate Specialists (ACTAPS).

Associate Solicitor and Head of Wealth and Estate Planning Department at Bolt Burdon

January 2014 - Present

My team and I can assist both UK and non UK domiciled clients with making Wills, Trusts, Lasting Powers of Attorney, Inheritance tax and capital gains tax planning, the administration of estates and trusts and Declarations of Trusts. We can also assist with Wills and Probate disputes, Court of Protection disputes and Trust disputes. I am a full member of the Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners (STEP), Solicitors for the Elderly (SFE) and the Association of Contentious Trust and Probate Specialists (ACTAPS).

Wills and Probate Solicitor at Hilliers HRW Solicitors

May 2008 - December 2013 (5 years 8 months)

I am able to assist clients with making Wills, Lasting Powers of Attorney, Inheritance tax planning, and probate and administration of estates. I am also an Associate Member of the Association of Contentious Trust and Probate Specialists (ACTAPS) and can assist in all types of wills and probate disputes.

Trainee Solicitor at Hilliers HRW Solicitors

September 2005 - May 2008 (2 years 9 months)

I worked as a Trainee Solicitor at Hilliers HRW whilst undertaking the legal practice Course at the College of Law on a weekend learning basis. I spent a total of 24 months working in the Wills and Probate department, 3 months in the family department and 5 months working in the Civil Litigation department.

Paralegal at Hilliers HRW Solicitors

January 2005 - September 2005 (9 months)

My role involved assisting the Wills and Probate Department in the preparation of Wills and Enduring Powers of Attorney

Education

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CIOT Chartered Tax Adviser Qualification, 2015 - 2017

College of Law

ACTAPS, Contentious Probate, 2008 - 2010

College of Law

LPC, Legal Practice Course, 2005 - 2007

Kingston University - Company

LLB, Law, 2000 - 2003

Itchen College

1998 - 2000

Hamble School

1993 - 1998

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