

MATTHEW HALL

Year of call: 1999

Clerked by: Harry Young Brandon Singh

AREAS OF EXPERTISE:

Commercial Litigation Private Client, Trusts and Probate
Professional Negligence Real Estate Litigation



Private Client, Trusts and Probate

Matthew has much experience in each of these areas.

In charities work, Matthew has gained particular experience in dealing with the charitable status of land held by public bodies and charitable trustees, for example recently advising on a local authority's powers to redevelop part of a recreation ground and on the charitable status of a large city park.

In trusts work, Matthew regularly advises on the powers of trustees (for instance, recently advising on the powers of trustees in a family trust established to hold the shares in a well-known brewing company), the removal of trustees (recently in acting in a 3-day High Court removal application) and the construction and operation of trusts (for instance, on the terms of a discretionary trust set up by a lottery winner). Matthew regularly gives talks on trusts; e.g. on secret trusts to members of STEP and recently on fiduciary duties to advocates on the Isle of Man.

Matthew has longstanding expertise in the field of succession / wills and probate, in particular, contested wills (including a 2 week High Court trial and in the Court of Appeal in a death-bed will challenge (*Fitzgerald v Henerty* [2016] EWCA Civ 701 - led by Lesley Anderson QC)), claims under the 1975 Act (recently advising, for instance, in a claim to a £7.5m estate and in another case concerning Sharia / Nikah marriages), proprietary estoppel and estate administration (including the removal of personal representatives).

Profile

Matthew Hall is a specialist property and trusts and probate barrister. Although these are seen as the most "traditional" chancery areas, Matthew is particularly keen to adopt a robust, pragmatic and unfussy approach.

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Memberships

Society of Trusts and Estate Practitioners

Chancery Bar Association

Northern Chancery Bar Association

Qualifications

Oxford University BA (First Class) in Law with Law Studies in Europe (French)

City University Diploma in Law 1999

Recommendations

Chambers UK 2020

"He is very available and willing to help as well as practical and incredibly down to earth." "He is astute and aware of the tactical considerations in a case."

Chambers UK 2019

"Approachable and friendly." "He provides good advice on complex real estate issues."

Chambers UK 2018

"Very forthright and very personable. Clients like him." "Very approachable and user-friendly."

Chambers UK 2017

"Excellent junior with a keen eye for detail." "Very good, assertive and user-friendly."

Chambers UK 2016

"Very client-friendly and diligent."

"Very good to work with and very pragmatic."

Rated in Chambers and Partners as a specialist in Real Estate Litigation

"He is very accessible, excellent at thinking on his feet and persuasive in his approach."

"He is very well prepared and gets to the heart of the issue."



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