

SARAH LAWRENSON

Year of call: 2003

Clerked by: Harry Young Brandon Singh

AREAS OF EXPERTISE:

Arbitration Banking & Finance Commercial Litigation
Mediation Private Client, Trusts and Probate Procurement
Professional Negligence Technology & Construction



Banking & Finance

Sarah has a great deal of experience in all types of trust, probate and wills cases including:

Inheritance Act Claim (including s.4, s.9 and s.10 application and domicile issues);

Disputes over the validity and construction of wills;

Testamentary capacity and undue influence;

Deeds of variation and rectification;

Liability and removal of executor and personal representatives;

Validity of lifetime gifts;

Insolvent Estates;

Trusts and beneficial interest of property (including co-habitee disputes);

Real property and boundary disputes.

Sarah often acts in cases involving minors or patients.

Significant Reported Cases

Paratus AMC v Fosuhene [2013] EWCA Civ 827 – successful in the Chancery Division and Court of Appeal at upholding a decision in support of and clarifying the position for lenders who accept third party payments.

Sylvester v Sylvester – Chancery Division - £1m estate and IPDFA claim. Acted for the Executor. Preliminary issue on domicile. Settled the IPDFA after lengthy mediation and then subsequent round table meeting. Settled associated case with costs before judgment but following trial on survivorship and application of presumption of advancement in relation to joint bank accounts. Also successful s.50 AJA application to remove other executors (both professional and lay).

Barry Quayle v G and SM Robson and Ors (Banham Group Litigation) [2013] – Acted for Estate of owner/headmaster of a School in which allegations of historic child abuse were made. Successful in resisting an application to extend the limitation period.

Profile

Sarah practices predominantly in Construction, Wills, Trusts and Probate (Including Inheritance Act Claims) and related professional negligence matters.

Sarah has a wide range of experience in the Specialist Courts including the TCC, Chancery Division, Court of Protection and Court of Appeal. She is a Full Member of ACTPAS and is on the TECBAR adjudicator's panel. She has acted as an adjudicator on several construction disputes. Sarah has been successful at numerous mediations and roundtables and is a firm believer in the power and benefit of alternative dispute resolution.

Sarah will accept instruction directly under the public access scheme and has extensive experience of doing so.

Sarah has been instructed on several large Group Litigation Order cases including historic child abuse on behalf of an estate, property nuisance

claims, professional negligence against a firm of solicitors and construction claims on behalf of joint owners such as blocks of apartments.

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Memberships

CBA

NChBA

TECBAR

BICBA

ACTAPS

Qualifications:

Universities:

University of Nottingham BA (Joint Hons) Law with American Law and Politics

University of Texas 24 credit hours of Law

Middle Temple Joseph Jackson Memorial Scholar

Recommendations

Ranked in **Chambers UK 2017**

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"She's very clear, concise and technically sound. Very approachable to clients, she guides them through often very difficult processes."

"She's excellent. She's very tenacious, knows when to be forceful in terms of putting across the client's case, and is very good at getting results."

