



Contentious Probate

Contentious probate is the term used to describe the law and procedures in relation principally to contesting :

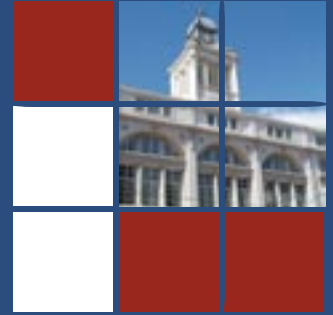
- the validity of a Will
- the distribution of an estate
- the terms of a trust.

The circumstances which may give rise to the Contentious Probate action are numerous and varied and may include:

- Disputes over the interpretation and validity of wills
- Allegations of undue influence leading to the making of a will
- Inheritance Act cases (claims for enhanced provision from estates)
- Trust litigation
- Proceedings in relation to Trusts of Land
- Problems to do with Mental Capacity
- Executor or Trustee disputes
- Applications to remove Executors or Trustees

Bell & Buxton has a highly experienced and admired Contentious Probate team. This is a complicated area of law, which requires specialist input as early as possible to avoid prejudice. Please note that in some cases there are strict time restrictions in relation to the bringing of claims.

We are able to advise on all aspects of Contentious Probate and our experience in dealing with such cases enables us both to assess cases quickly and to resolve matters in the most cost effective and expedient manner with the minimum of fuss and delay.



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An increase in the number of Contentious Probate cases has been seen recently. To some extent this has been a consequence of the increased value of many estates and the fact that extended families are more common as divorce and cohabitation becomes more prevalent.

The most effective way of preventing such claims is to ensure that Wills are made and regularly updated and that Lasting Powers of Attorney are put in place. Our team can advise on all these areas and implement the necessary steps to protect you.

What should I do next?

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