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### Natasha is a partner in our trust, estate and inheritance disputes team.

She advises on a wide range of trust and succession disputes both onshore and offshore, including trustee/beneficiary disputes, contested probate and 1975 Act claims, and professional negligence in the context of estate planning and trust administration. She also has a particular specialism in the succession and trusteeship of digital assets and cryptocurrencies.

She advises on Court of Protection matters, including statutory wills, lifetime gifts, contested registrations and Powers of Attorney.

She works in non-contentious situations stress-testing trust structures in light of changes in law and/or changes in family situations.

Natasha has contributed to the past two editions of The Law Society's Probate Practitioner's Handbook and the most recent edition of Jordan's International Trust and Divorce Litigation.

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## Track record

## Lasting Power of Attorney

Assisted a daughter and grand-daughter in defending accusations of wrongdoing in an application to revoke a Lasting Power of Attorney in their favour, and securing the appointment of a chosen family member alongside the Panel Deputy.

## Executors

Assisted a widow in *Goodman v Goodman*, reported at [2013] 3 WLR 1551, in successfully removing the executors of her late husband's estate in favour of her chosen professional. [Click here](#) to view article.

## Recovery of lifetime transfers

Assisted two siblings in *Burgess v Hawes*, reported at [2012] WTLR 423, to successfully overturn a purported will of their late mother's and secure recovery of lifetime transfers made to their sister and her immediate family. Click here view our briefing or visit the Daily Telegraph [article](#) And again assisting them to successfully defend an appeal to the Court of Appeal, reported at [2013] EWCA Civ 94. Click here to view our briefing.

## Charities and English immovable property

Assisted nine UK charities in *Clark v World Wildlife Fund and others*, reported at [2011] WTLR 961, to successfully argue that English law governs the validity of a will dealing with English immovable property (thus confirming the rule in Dicey for the first time).

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## Talks

- '[Withers talks: cryptocurrency | Ep 8 - Trusts issues with cryptocurrency - a European perspective](#),' Withers podcast - May 6, 2021, speaker
- *Probate Update*, LexisNexis webinar - April 2016

## External publications

'*Claims under the Inheritance (Provision for Family and Dependents) Act 1975*', the Law Society's Probate Practitioners Handbook (7th Edition)

*Probate Disputes and Remedies* (3rd Edition), Jordan's, contributor

*Strength of Will*, Law Society's PS Magazine (Issue 105 May 2013), co-author

*A Matter of Record*, Private Client Adviser (April 2013), co-author

*The Court of Protection, Charities and the Evolution of Best Interests*, Elder Law Journal (Vol 2 Issue 3 2012), co-author

## Admissions

England and Wales, 2009

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## Education

Bristol University, BSc Economics

BBP London, GDL and LPC

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## Languages

English

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## Memberships

Association of Contentious Trust and Probate Specialists

Charity Law Association

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## Key dates

Year joined: 2007

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