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PRACTICE AREAS

Property

Wills, Trusts and Probate

Partnership and LLP

Professional Negligence and Disciplinary

Mediation and ADR

Commercial

PROFILE

Stephanie is an incisive advocate, good with clients and judges alike. She is known for getting straight to the heart of a dispute and valued for her good judgment.

Stephanie's main areas of practice are property, wills, trusts and probate, partnerships and mediation.

Property

Her real property work encompasses everything from beneficial interest claims, to mortgages and contracts for sale, commercial leases, restrictive covenants, easements and proprietary estoppel claims.

She has particular expertise in farming proprietary estoppel cases: *Thompson v Thompson* [2018] EWHC 1338 and *Wills v Sowray* [2020] EWHC 939 (Ch)

Recent cases include:

- Acting for the successful claimants in a proprietary estoppel claim by two brothers against the estate of a deceased farmer: *Wills v Sowray* [2020] EWHC 939 (Ch)
- A dispute between the lessees of an airfield and the owners of a woodland burial ground concerning the interpretation of an easement relating to airspace
 - Acting for long leaseholders of flats against company which was seeking to forfeiture for non-payment of ground rent, that had never previously been demanded
- Advising the owners of property adjacent to newly constructed highway in relation to compulsory purchase and noise nuisance
- Dispute about whether gates and speed bumps were a substantial interference with a right of way over farm track: *Bramwell v Robinson* [2016] 10 WLUK 495,
- Acting in dispute about forged signature on a document purporting to transfer property
- Commercial lease renewal in relation to retail property
- Acting for the applicant farmer in a claim for a succession tenancy under Agricultural Holdings Act 1986

Wills, Trusts and Probate

Stephanie has become a “real go-to for probate cases” (Chambers UK Bar 2020). She has extensive experience of contentious probate work including Inheritance Act claims, challenges to the validity of wills and applications to remove executors.

Allied to this, Stephanie has developed expertise in Court of Protection work, including disputes between property and affairs attorneys and setting aside transactions for undue influence.

She is always happy to make herself available at short notice on the telephone for a preliminary discussion and advice, especially where early intervention can resolve difficulties that arise in the administration of an estate, or where speedy advice is needed.

Partnership and LLP

Stephanie has extensive experience of partnership disputes: from accountants to general practitioners, dentists, vets and even suppliers of car parts. She is well-regarded for her financial analysis and grasp of technical detail, which is often crucial for success in this area.

Recent work includes:

- dispute in family farming partnership about whether one partner had been lawfully expelled
- an accountant's partnership involving a dispute about whether there was a valid arbitration clause
- acting in five-day contested partnership dispute between partners in a large property portfolio which involved painstaking detail in the re-creation of accounts going back 17 years
- advising in relation to an arbitration arising from the termination of accountant's LLP
- settling a doctor's partnership dispute after mediation

Professional Negligence and Disciplinary

Stephanie's professional negligence practice largely arises from her main practice areas, in particular solicitor's and surveyor's negligence.

Mediation and ADR

Stephanie combines practice at the Bar with her work as a mediator. She is valued for her empathy with the parties, whether business people or bereaved family members and is often able to achieve a settlement which at the outset would appear impossible.

Commercial

Stephanie's recent commercial work includes:

- acting for oil company in the Commercial Court in relation to default under a joint operating agreement
- successfully resisting application by former employer for an injunction to restrain breach of restrictive covenants in employment contract

SIGNIFICANT CASES

Wills v Sowray [2020] EWHC 939 (Ch)

Thompson v Thompson [2018]
EWHC 1338 (Ch)

Bramwell v Robinson [2016]

10 WLUK 495

Husband and Brown v Mitch Developments Ltd [2015]

EWHC 2900 (TCC)

RVB Investments Ltd v Bibby [2013]

EWHC 65 (Ch)

Punch Partnerships Ltd v Taylor and Whelan [2010]

LLR 634

CAREER AND ASSOCIATIONS

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PUBLICATIONS

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