

## William Hanbury

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### Clerks' Details

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### Memberships

- Chancery Bar Association
- Professional Negligence Bar Association
- Northern Chancery Bar Association (committee member)
- Northern Circuit Commercial Bar Association (former committee member)
- Property Bar Association

### Appointments

- Part-time Judge of the Upper and First-tier Tribunals (Immigration and Asylum Chamber)

### Education

- Manchester University - Law LLB (class 2 (i))
- Inns of Court School of Law – Bar exams
- Major award holder and Paul Teichman scholar at Inner Temple

### Court of Protection CV

#### Overview

As part of a practice principally based on property transactions and disputes about land, Bill also has extensive experience of a number of aspects of Court of Protection work including:

- Testamentary capacity to make wills and other dispositions
- Advising in relation to statutory wills
- Undue influence and unconscionable transaction claims
- The appointment of deputies in relation to leases and other instruments
- Deprivation of liberty assessments and best interests assessments.

Specifically he has:

- Acted for Court of Protection patients
- Advised and appeared for a local authority in judicial review and other public law proceedings in which it has been alleged the authority had not made a best interests assessment
- Appeared for local authorities for directions from the Court of Protection as to the steps to take on behalf of a patient
- Appeared in a number of cases in which issues of capacity have been considered
- Advised and appeared through the Official Solicitor in claims under Inheritance (Provision for Family and Dependents) Act 1975 for parties lacking capacity.

Bill is consistently recommended as a leading individual in the Legal 500 guides.

## Recommendations

*A highly regarded junior recognised for the wide scope of his practice and ranked as a leading individual by the Legal 500.*

“Bill has a very good knowledge of property law and prepares well. Always gets his point across and provides sound advice.”

**The Legal 500, 2021**

“Provides accurate advice and inspires clients’ confidence.”

**The Legal 500, 2020**

“Very attentive.”

**Chambers and Partners 2019**

“Self-assured before a judge.”

**The Legal 500, 2018/19**

“Well respected by the judiciary. Very calm and collected.”

“An exceptionally decent opponent.”

“Measured and reliable.”

**Chambers and Partners 2018**

“He commands respect from judges.”

**The Legal 500, 2017**

### **Recent solicitors’ comments include:**

Leeds city Council following a recent case on business rates said: A witness “asked me to pass on to you his sincere gratitude for your work on this case. We all had reservations before and after the trial, having not faced this type of challenge before, but you managed to convince the District Judge of the merits of our case for which was no mean feat.”

“Thanks for your sterling work... – the client is very happy.”

“Bill is a class act; over the last 5 years he has consistently delivered a high-quality service...”

“Extremely conscientious and capable practitioner. He has a good grasp of the legal issues and explains himself clearly at all times.....”

“A first rate service and I have advised colleagues that they should use your services

wherever possible.”

“Bill’s advice is always clear and concise. He is also very approachable and willing to assist. “

“An accomplished barrister with a thorough grasp of the law.”

“Another superbly executed case by yourselves has resulted in the desired outcome.”

## Publications and Seminars

“Legal professional privilege in the spotlight again” (29 July 2020) Estates Gazette

“Boundary Disputes – A Practical Guide” (second edition 2017) Law Society

“Defective Premises- Law and Practice” (2009) Sweet and Maxwell

Author of numerous articles and case notes for publications including Property Law Journal, New Law Journal, Law Society, Westlaw and the Property Law website.

Conducts numerous seminars, webinars and podcasts including recently:

- Annual property seminar on proposed reform of boundary disputes resolution procedures;
- Lecture to Plexus law on flood risk and insurance on 3 October 2017;
- Webinar and podcast on boundary disputes for the Law Society in October 2017;
- When forfeiture will be the best option for the landlord in April 2018;
- Annual property seminar in 2018;
- Town and village greens in November 2018;
- A successful series of breakfast/teatime talks with Neil Cadwallader in 2019 on CVA’s and the High Street.

Since the Covid pandemic Bill has conducted numerous webinars dealing with subjects of topical interest including the frustration of leases caused by the pandemic.

In 2018 he also assisted the Law Society with the preparation of its Conveyancing Quality Scheme and exam questions for conveyancers.

In 2020 he has assisted the RICS on the preparation of its guidance note on boundaries.

## Beyond the Bar

Bill enjoys walking - particularly in the Yorkshire Dales. He is also a member of York Musical Society and regularly sings in their choral concerts. He is interested in buildings and conservation and has been a member of the committee of the York Georgian Society. He is also keen on wine and belongs to several clubs and attends their tastings.