

William Hanbury

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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

Wills, Trusts and Probate CV

Overview

As well as a busy specialist practice in property litigation and advice, wills, trusts and estates has long formed an important component of Bill's practice. He regularly appears as an advocate in and advises on:

- Claims under the Inheritance (Provision for Family and Dependants) Act 1975
- Trustees powers and duties under both express and implied trusts including constructive trusts
- Challenges to and removal of personal representatives
- Contested wills and estates
- Interpretation of wills and trusts
- Preparation of wills and advice in relation to those lacking capacity

Cases

Recent cases include:

- Appearing for the executors of the estate in a three-day challenge to a will based on lack of testamentary capacity
- A challenge to the distribution of an estate where an executor was alleged to have sold an asset at an undervalue
- Appearing for a claimant alleging successfully that an executor of the estate had profited from his office by receiving trust property
- Advising on a claim based on fraud, concealment or mistake where the limitation period under section 32 of the Limitation Act 1980 was in issue
- Appearing as advocate and advising in relation to claims under the Inheritance Act 1975 including a three day case defending a claim by an adult beneficiary

Recommendations

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

“William Hanbury is an experienced barrister who regularly acts for local authorities. He offers a wealth of expertise in ratings and valuation and local government powers matters, and is also well regarded for his handling of property law cases.”

Strengths: “He provides trustworthy advice.”

Chambers and Partners, 2022

“William is very thorough. He is strong on the technical details, and has a calm and measured approach.”

The Legal 500, 2022

“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:

In a recent High Court case, the client 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

He is also the author of:

- “Boundary Disputes – A Practical Guide” which is due to be published in its third edition by the Law Society in 2022
- “Defective Premises- Law and Practice” (2009) Sweet and Maxwell

Recent articles have included:

- In October 2021 Bill co-wrote “Dilapidations in challenging times” a two-part series of articles for Estates Gazette with Paul Raeburn FRICS
- “Legal professional privilege in the spotlight again” (29 July 2020) Estates Gazette

He also lectures widely including in 2021:

- Lecturing at the annual Financial Mis-selling Conference on when to plead fraud in financial mis-selling claims by Legal Training in September 2021
- To chambers’ annual property seminar on the same topic in June 2021
- Lecturing on the Supreme Court’s decision in *Hurstwood v Rossendale* in May 2021
- Speaking to the Leeds Business and Property Court Forum in their commercial property webinar on the challenges facing commercial landlords in collecting rent in the post-COVID period in May 2021

Earlier seminars have included:

- In 2020 in-house on the frustration of leases caused by the pandemic
- In 2019 conducting a lecture to the RICS on boundary disputes
- In 2019 with Neil Cadwallader (now HHJ Cadwallader) on CVA’s and the High Street
- In November 2018 to chambers annual Local Government and Social Housing Seminar on town and village greens
- In 2017 to Plexus law on flood risk and insurance
- In 2017 conducting a webinar and podcast on boundary disputes for the Law Society

He has also assisted the Law Society with the preparation of exam questions for conveyancers including advising on fraud prevention.

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.