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Memberships

Middle Temple
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Education

Harrogate Grammar School
Polytechnic of north London
University of Leeds
College of Law, York

Probate

Paul has an extensive practice in this area having acted in disputes concerning all aspects of wills trusts and probate for over 20 years. He regularly deals with:

- The validity and construction of wills including the failure of gifts
- Contested wills on the grounds of capacity/want of knowledge and approval/fraud/undue influence/alleged proprietary estoppel affecting the ability to make dispositions
- Claims under the Inheritance (Provision for Family and Dependants Act) 1975
- Insolvent estates
- The variation of dispositions post death
- The removal and appointment of personal representatives
- Claims for breach of duty against personal representatives
- Jurisdictional issues relating to the property of deceased individuals
- Mutual and/or mirror wills
- Claims by and against estates for sums due
- Issues arising as to share and/or voting rights and/or partnership shares upon death

Cases

Peet v Evans (Unreported) – 1975 Act Claim

Evans v Evans – Construction of a will, rectification

Face v Cunningham [2020] EWHC 3119 (ch) Forgery Wills validity.

Slattery v Jagger [2015] EWHC 3976 (ch) Rectification of Will

Recommendations

Recommended in Chambers and Partners for Real Estate Litigation

Beyond the Bar

Paul has spent the last 40 years attempting, without much success, to master the guitar and he enjoys most forms of music in particular 1970's rock. He paints and enjoys spending time with his family and watching a much sport as he can especially rugby having played for too long.