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Private Client

TRUSTED LEGAL ADVISORS FOR LIFE'S MOST PERSONAL DECISIONS

Our Private Client team supports individuals and families through life's most significant transitions. From tax planning and trusts to international structuring and succession, our advice is strategic, personal and enduring.

"We are proud to offer clear, commercially sound legal solutions that preserve wealth and protect our clients' legacies."
— James Cohen, Head of Private Client

Our Services

WILLS AND LASTING POWERS OF ATTORNEY

We provide tailored, expert guidance to help individuals and families create Wills that clearly reflect their wishes and safeguard their legacy. Each Will is carefully drafted to be legally sound and aligned with your broader estate planning objectives.

As a one-stop solution for international Wills, we simplify complex cross-border considerations, ensuring your intentions are respected wherever your assets are held.

We also support clients in establishing Lasting Powers of Attorney, enabling them to appoint trusted individuals to manage their affairs should they lose capacity. This proactive planning offers continuity, protection, and peace of mind for both you and your loved ones.

SUCCESSION PLANNING AND INHERITANCE TAX

We advise on comprehensive succession strategies that protect wealth across generations. Our expertise includes lifetime gifting, the use of exemptions and reliefs, and the integration of structures such as trusts and family constitutions. Each plan is carefully designed to reflect family values, mitigate tax liabilities, and ensure long-term control of family assets.

PROBATE AND ESTATE ADMINISTRATION

We support executors and families through every step of estate administration. From obtaining probate and completing inheritance tax formalities to managing property and distributing assets, our advice is both practical and sensitive. We have extensive experience with complex, high-value and cross-border estates.

WEALTH STRUCTURING

We design and implement sophisticated legal structures that help clients manage, preserve, and transition wealth. Our advice includes the use of family investment companies, partnerships, and bespoke holding arrangements that offer control, flexibility and long-term stability. We align our recommendations with each client's personal, commercial, and international objectives.

INTERNATIONAL PRIVATE WEALTH

We advise international families, non-domiciled individuals, and globally mobile clients on cross-border planning, tax residency, and succession. Our team works seamlessly with advisers around the world to create compliant, efficient structures that protect wealth in multiple jurisdictions.

TRUSTS

Trusts are a powerful and proven tool for asset protection, tax efficiency, and long-term wealth planning. We advise settlors, trustees, and beneficiaries on trust creation, restructuring, and governance. Our advice is grounded in a deep understanding of trust law, family dynamics, and fiscal strategy.

FAMILY OFFICE

We act as legal counsel to family offices and high-net-worth families with complex, multi-generational affairs. Our support spans governance, philanthropy, succession, real estate, and regulatory compliance. We provide strategic legal direction in coordination with accountants, investment managers, and trustees, ensuring clarity and continuity across all areas of family life.

TAX DISPUTES AND INVESTIGATIONS

When HMRC raises questions or opens an investigation, we act swiftly to protect our clients' interests. We manage disclosures, negotiate outcomes, and resolve disputes with efficiency and discretion. We also help clients structure their affairs to minimise risk and maintain compliance with evolving tax laws.

COURT OF PROTECTION AND DEPUTYSHIP

We assist families when a loved one loses mental capacity and no planning is in place. Our lawyers manage applications to the Court of Protection and can act as professional deputies in complex circumstances. We also provide ongoing advice to support attorneys and deputies in meeting their legal obligations with care and diligence.

NOTARY SERVICES

We offer prompt, accurate notarisation for international legal documents including powers of attorney, company filings, and property documentation. Our team also arranges legalisation and apostille services where required, ensuring full compliance with the destination country's legal framework.

A Personal Approach with Global Reach

We work with entrepreneurs, landowners, trustees, international families, and high-net-worth individuals. Our clients rely on us for clear, commercial, and compassionate advice that brings structure and security to every aspect of their affairs.

We welcome introductions and look forward to supporting you or your clients with trusted legal insight.

Contact us

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TEP & Notary Public

PARTNER AND HEAD OF PRIVATE CLIENT

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