



Julia Beer

Called July 2003 (Grays Inn) and October 2008 (Cayman Islands)

Julia has a broad Chancery practice and divides her time between London and the North-East of England; she is one of the few London Chancery practitioners with a major court presence in Manchester, Leeds and Bradford. She undertakes a wide range of contentious and non-contentious work with an emphasis on:

- Family Provision (Inheritance Act claims)
- Wills, probate and the administration of Estates
- Real Property
- Co-ownership disputes, Trusts of Land claims (TOLATA)
- Insolvency – Personal insolvency and corporate insolvency

Significant cases include:

- Sagicor General Insurance (Cayman) Ltd -v- Crawford Adjusters Ltd (Nov 2008) – Grand Court of the Cayman Islands – involving claims of breaches of fiduciary duty, breaches of contract, fraud and conspiracy as against loss adjusters, project managers and construction companies.
- As above – Counterclaim – involving tort of abuse of process (collateral purpose)
- Pitcairn -v- Maples & Calder (2009) - Grand Court of the Cayman Islands – involving the issuing of Caymanian work permits and breach of promise.
- Moss -v- Moss and Moss Deceased (2004) – High Court – Junior to Eleanor Hamilton QC and David Rose in claim by widow of short marriage in a £20m estate.

Typical recent cases include:

- Re M Deceased (2010) – 1975 Act claim. Representing the beneficiaries in claim brought against the Estate by surviving spouse; Spouse 98 years of age. Issues of life interest versus capital lump sum in view of claimant's age.
- Re A Deceased (2009) – Representing step son Claimant in multi party 1975 Act claim in £5 million estate.
- Re G v S (2009) – TOLATA 3 day Trial. The Claimant failed to establish a constructive trust in circumstances where it was common ground that there had been significant financial and physical contribution to the property; the Claimant failing to prove agreement.
- Re B (Deceased (2009) – Deceased's will challenged successfully on the grounds of Incapacity – Undue Influence not found.

Julia also has a specialist interest in matrimonial finance and ancillary relief, advising and acting in all areas of matrimonial finance, particularly proceedings involving private companies or partnerships and Third Party Interests. She frequently appears for Interveners in ancillary relief proceedings and is experienced in both pursuing and defending Section 37 Applications.

Recommended Legal 500 2009/2010 'for matrimonial matters involving family businesses'.

Typical recent cases include:

- Re: Mehmood (2010) Representing the interests of Interveners in Ancillary Relief proceedings. Third Party interests in the Former Matrimonial Home determined in TOLATA proceedings before Chancery District Registry.
- Re: K (2010). Represented H in W's Section 37 application to set aside sale of international property; Tracing of proceeds of sale.



- Re K v B (2010). Represented W in very short marriage; W substantial financial contribution. Treatment of mortgage free FMH brought into marriage by W application of Rossi v Rossi.
- Re: Begum (2009). 6 day Ancillary Relief hearing representing W. Determining the extent of Third Party interests in a portfolio of domestic and international properties to establish true matrimonial assets.

She was Chairman of the Young Barristers' Committee of the Bar Council in 2008 and an elected member of The Bar Council 2007-2010. She is also a member of the Chancery Bar Association, the Family Law Bar Association and a member of the North Eastern Circuit.

Her personal interests include carriage driving, skiing, golf and walking.
