

PHILIP JENKINS

"He is superb, bright, user friendly and highly commercial. Philip cuts through the detail."
(Chambers UK 2024)



Call 2003 & Accredited Mediator

Philip Jenkins is an established Chancery practitioner with a particularly strong reputation for his advisory, drafting and litigation work in the fields of wills, probate, the administration of trusts and estates, real property and related professional negligence claims.

Client testimonials include:

"Authoritative, approachable and excellent with clients. An expert in all aspects of contested trusts and probate, Philip combines superb drafting skills with a natural and confident advocacy style. He is particularly effective in mediations given his ability to cut through to the heart of the issues."

"Philip has a remarkable clarity of thought and always expresses himself in a way which clients of all kinds find straightforward and easy to understand."

"We get a great deal of working with Philip as members of a team together. He is able to step in and then out in a way which gives our clients the greatest benefit. He can do that in substantial cases over a long period of time, picking up the reins again without a pause."

Philip is also a qualified Mediator and conducts mediations that fall within his core areas of practice.

Trusts & Estates

Contentious private client work is the mainstay of Philip's busy practice and he is regularly instructed in substantial trusts and estates.

Particular areas of expertise include:

- Contested summonses and probate claims.
- Applications to court under the 1975 Act.

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- Applications to court for the removal of personal representatives and trustees.
- Trust disputes.
- Applications to court for directions in relation to questions or disputes involving trusts and estates.
- Intervener claims in matrimonial proceedings vindicating property rights.
- Claims arising from breach of trust or fiduciary duty, ranging from devastavit to self-dealing to fraud.
- Proprietary estoppel, constructive trust and mutual will claims.
- Applications to court for rectification of wills and rectification or setting aside of deeds (including where motivated by fiscal advantage).

Private Client

Philip is regularly asked to provide advice and to draft documents in relation to the full range of non-contentious private client matters including:

- Advising in relation to difficulties arising in the course of the administration of estates and trusts.
- Advising in relation to the meaning and effect of wills, trusts and powers (including in relation to applications for directions and pursuant to section 57 TA 1925).
- Advising in relation to applications for the variation of trusts.
- Advising in relation to IHT and CGT for estates and trusts (including in particular NRB trusts, APR and BPR claims in relation to farms and estates).
- Drafting complex wills and will trusts designed to secure fiscal advantage.
- Drafting trusts and deeds (including deeds of variation, deeds of appointment, deeds of indemnity).

Court of Protection

Philip has significant experience in the Court of Protection which jurisdiction strongly favours his empathetic manner and technical skills. Recent work includes:

- Statutory will and best interest applications.
- Contentious applications for the appointment / removal of attorneys and deputies.
- Claim for declaratory relief in relation to capacity to give good receipt for trust monies.
- Claim for declaration in relation to the status of a living will: **Re E** [2014] EWCOP 27.
- Advice in relation to errant attorneys and deputies (including in relation to the security bond), in relation to the interplay between statutory wills and 1975 Act claims, in relation to the ademption provisions contained in Sch. 2 MCA 2005.

Property

Property advice and litigation accounts for a large part of Philip's practice. He deals routinely with the following matters:

- [Guest v Guest & Anor \[2019\] EWHC 869 \(Ch\) \(16 April 2019\)](#)

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- Proprietary estoppel claims (**Bradbury v Taylor** [2012] EWCA Civ. 1208).
- Co-ownership disputes and applications under TOLATA.
- Adverse possession and boundary disputes.
- Easements and freehold covenants.
- Residential, agricultural and business tenancies and claims for possession.
- Mortgages and accounts.
- Applications to the First Tier and Upper Tribunal (Lands Chamber) relating to service charges, RTM, enfranchisement and alike.

Arbitration, Mediation & ADR

Philip is an accredited mediator and a member of The Society of Mediators.

Mediation has been a significant part of his practice at the Bar for some twenty years. As a result, he has a wealth of mediation experience to draw upon. He knows what it takes to guide clients to solutions no matter how intractable their dispute may first appear.

He is recognised for his open and empathetic manner and his ability quickly to establish a rapport with professional and lay clients from all walks of life.

He is able to get to the bottom of complex issues of law and fact to focus on the issues which really matter. His aim is always to identify the dominant factors driving the dispute and to encourage a pragmatic approach to finding solutions.

Recommendations

“An excellent communicator with the ability to cut through matters and distil complex issues into easy to follow advice.”

“A barrister of choice for contentious probate cases. He is an expert in the field, whose advice is considered and accurate. Circumspect and realistic, yet positive and ‘can do’, he is a very effective, measured advocate.”

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“He is absolutely solid, unflappable and quite shrewd. I was impressed by him.”

Chambers UK 2023

“Very easy to communicate with and very user-friendly. He has a very pragmatic approach.”

Chambers UK 2022

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“Extremely good – clients love him, he sees the bigger picture and he takes a very good, strategic approach.”

Chambers UK 2020

“Philip was very user-friendly, commercially minded and pragmatic. His papers and closing submissions were drafted with acute and thorough attention to detail, while his advocacy was methodical, clear and engaging”

HNW Guide 2019

Qualifications

- PhD (Jean Baudrillard: Deconstruction & Alterity), Bristol University (2001)
- École Normale Supérieure, Paris (2000)
- BA Hons (First Class), University of Leeds (1995)

Appointments

Qualified Mediator – Society of Mediators

Associations & Memberships

- Bar Pro Bono Unit
- Chancery Bar Association

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