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Norman Lamb has developed a strong chancery practice, specialising in contentious trusts and estates, private client (non-contentious) and property matters.

He is regularly instructed to appear at complex and high-value hearings and trials in courts and tribunals across England and Wales, including on appeals. Norman is experienced litigating in the Business and Property Courts and Chancery Division of the High Court. In addition, he is regularly instructed to provide technical and specialist advice and complex drafting.

Norman has built an established reputation for his persuasive written and oral advocacy, meticulous preparation and dependable client care. His caseload regularly includes disputes beyond his year of call. Norman has a particular skill for identifying and researching pertinent issues and strives to find pragmatic solutions, tailored for each client.

EXPERTISE

CONTENTIOUS TRUSTS & ESTATES

TRUSTS

- Constructive trusts, resulting trusts and estoppel.
- Claims to compel trustees to transfer property to beneficiaries.
- Cases arising from breach of trust or fiduciary duty.
- Applications to remove trustees or to compel to act.
- Injunctive relief.

WILLS, PROBATE AND ESTATES

- Claims for and against personal representatives and beneficiaries.
- Applications to administer and distribute estates.
- Drafting and attending s.50 Administration of Justice Act applications to remove or replace executors of an estate.



- Drafting and attending s.116 Senior Courts Act applications to ‘pass over’ those ordinarily entitled to a grant of representation for an estate.
- Dealing with rights relating to the deceased post-death, burial and funeral arrangements, exhumations.
- Testamentary challenges – Lack of capacity, undue influence, want of knowledge and approval, fraudulent calumny, donatio mortis causa/deathbed gifts.
- Validity of wills.
- Matters involving double portions and advancement.
- Inheritance (Provision for Family & Dependents) Act 1975 claims.
- Providing legal opinions regarding settlement for protected parties.

NOTABLE CASES

- *Addison & Anor -v- Niaz* [2024] EWHC 3124 (Fam) (Principal Registry, London) – Successfully acted in an unusual s.122 Senior Courts Act application before the Chief Chancery Master in the High Court. The wider probate claim concerned the testator’s capacity. The client’s standalone application compelled the draftsman of the deceased’s will to attend the High Court under a penal notice for cross-examination in relation to a *Larke v Nugus* Costs were successfully obtained against the draftsman.
- *F -v- A* (High Court, Manchester, ChD) – Successful in a sombre and emotional matter concerning an urgent without notice interim injunction, s.116 Senior Courts Act 1981 and the Non-Contentious Probate Rules 1987. Norman secured an urgent injunction, on both prohibitory and mandatory grounds, to immediately halt the imminent cremation of a client’s father, scheduled at an undisclosed time and location. Before an expedited trial, two weeks thereafter, Norman secured a s.116 Order to ‘pass over’ the presumed administrator to appoint his client with entitlement to the body and funeral arrangements.

PRIVATE CLIENT (NON-CONTENTIOUS)

- Advising on the construction and effect of trusts.
- Advising on the interpretation and effect of wills.
- Drafting trust documents and legal deeds.
- Applications for an inventory and account of estates.
- Caveats, citations and warnings.

PROPERTY

- TLATA disputes (Trusts of Land and Appointment of Trustees Act 1996) – Constructive trusts, resulting trusts, proprietary estoppel, equitable accounting and occupation rent.
- Enforcement action.
 - Norman has recent experience acting for school/insurer clients in relation to the enforcement of monies against the properties of former teachers convicted of historic offences.
- Mortgages, charges and other securities against property.
 - Norman is currently editing a prominent practitioner text on Mortgage Law, focusing on the enforcement of securities against property.
- Vesting Orders.
- Escheat and bona vacantia.
- Applications to vary or remove restrictions/charges at H.M. Land Registry.
- Tribunal matters, in both the Residential Property and Land Registration divisions.
- Torts (Interference with Goods) Act, bailment and conversion.



ASSOCIATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS

- Contentious Trusts Association ('ConTrA')
- Chancery Bar Association

EDUCATION & QUALIFICATIONS

- University of Northumbria
- MLaw Exempting (Bar Professional Training Course)
- First Class Honours