



# ROBERT ARNFIELD

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Robert Arnfield has been in practice at the Chancery Bar for nearly 30 years.

His core practice areas are non-contentious and contentious private client work (often involving trusts and the estates of deceased individuals) and associated taxation and professional negligence.

## EXPERTISE

### PRIVATE CLIENT (NON-CONTENTIOUS)

Robert's non-litigious practice includes drafting and advising on trusts, wills and administration of estates and associated documents such as deeds of variation and deeds of appointment. He also advises on related taxation and in particular Inheritance Tax, Capital Gains Tax, and Stamp Duty Land Tax.

### TAX

Nil-rate band, Agricultural Property Relief and Business Property Relief planning for Inheritance Tax and Capital Gains Tax deferral including several recent Variation of Trusts Act 1958 applications to extend perpetuity periods.

### RECENT CASES

- **DC v AC** [2016] EWHC 477 (Ch): Variation of Trusts Act 1958 application to extend perpetuity period. Observations on impact on existing life interest for Inheritance Tax purposes.
- **Re A Settlements** (2016): Providing UK tax advice on effect of Jersey variation of trust application to rectify settlement deeds.
- **Re R Settlements** (2016): Advice and drafting concerning availability of Agricultural and Business Property Relief for substantial landed estate largely held through settlements.



## CONTENTIOUS TRUSTS & ESTATES

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Robert is also regularly instructed by prospective parties to litigation relating to trusts, wills and the administration of estates and to associated and subsidiary documents and transactions. Typical matters involve Inheritance Act claims, removal of trustees, challenges to wills and the construction or rectification of wills, trusts or other documents. His practice now only rarely involves matters proceeding to trial with most disputes being settled, often at mediation, and generally on confidential terms.

## DIRECTORIES & AWARDS



## ASSOCIATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS

- Chancery Bar Association
- Society of Trust & Estate Practitioners
- Professional Negligence Bar Association

## EDUCATION & QUALIFICATIONS

- Christ Church, Oxford University

## PUBLICATIONS

- [Mellows on Taxation for Executors & Trustees](#)

## REGULATORY INFORMATION

Robert Arnfield is a self-employed, independent barrister whose practice is governed by the Code of Conduct of the Bar of England and Wales. He is regulated by The Bar Standards Board [Bar Ref 35750] and is fully insured with the Bar Mutual Indemnity Fund [BMIF Ref 2360/050] to provide legal services, please refer to the [BMIF website](#) for full details of the world-wide cover provided. He is registered



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