

# The Private Client Group

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Wilberforce Chambers has long been regarded as the leading chambers in the field of private client, trusts and taxation, both in the contentious and non-contentious fields. This reputation is reflected in Chambers' long-standing ranking as the leading set in both Chambers UK (Traditional Chancery section) and the Legal 500 (Private Client: Personal Tax, Trusts and Probate).

Members of the private client group win regular praise for their exceptional intellectual ability and advocacy skills. It is these qualities, combined with a commitment to giving practical and commercial advice, that marks them out as leaders in the field. As Chambers UK (2009) comments, Wilberforce Chambers offers "a greater depth of quality than the competition".

Our clients can rely on us to provide innovative and imaginative solutions to difficult problems. We are able to offer experts at all levels of seniority, and can assemble in-house teams of barristers who are accustomed to working together in an efficient and cost-effective manner.

Clients have told us that they find this very useful where matters require a high degree of cooperation between barristers, such as in the case of applications under the Variation of Trusts Act 1958, or compromises.

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Wilberforce Chambers is a truly modern set. From its well-run clerks' room to its up-to-date technology, it commands the respect of the market. Members' practices cover advisory work and dispute resolution relating to both private and commercial trusts of all kinds. We regard the flexibility to apply the law in new and evolving areas as a fundamental skill. Members of Chambers also have very substantial experience in alternative dispute resolution, including mediation. Even when advising on litigation we will always try to help our clients explore practical ways of avoiding the expense and disruption of a trial.

Members of the Private Client Group regularly receive substantial international instructions from lawyers in the Channel Islands and the Caribbean, as well as the United Arab Emirates, Hong Kong and Singapore.

We also have considerable experience of taking direct instructions from professionals other than solicitors, including accountants, banks, financial institutions and charities. We understand the importance of being able and willing to work closely with and talk directly to other professionals, such as lawyers advising on foreign law or actuaries.

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Our work in the field of Private Client, Trusts & Taxation includes the following:

- The scope of trustees' powers and duties, and the validity of the exercise of powers.
- Compromises of questions arising in the administration of trusts.
- International disputes involving complex conflict of law issues.
- Expert evidence on English trust law in overseas proceedings.
- All aspects of inheritance and capital gains tax planning involving private wealth, estates and trusts, including offshore tax planning, tax planning for non-domiciliaries and strategies for tax planning using trusts post-Finance Act 2006.
- Commercial trusts, such as pension trusts, employee benefit trusts, Quistclose trusts, landfill trusts, statutory trusts under the Companies Acts and local authority trusts.
- Disputes concerning the validity of Wills.
- Disputes based on allegations of proprietary estoppel and constructive trusts, particularly in the context of land.
- Professional negligence claims relating to the administration of trusts and tax planning.
- Charity law.

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- Applications to the Court under the Variation of Trusts Act 1958, section 57 of the Trustee Act 1925 and section 64 of the Settled Land Act 1925.
- Applications to the Court of Protection, and advice concerning the procedural implications of litigants who do or may lack capacity to conduct proceedings in their own name.

### The members of our Private Client Group are:

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| Michael Tennet QC    | Jonathan Hilliard |
| Thomas Lowe QC       | Andrew Mold       |
| John Child           | Emily McKechnie   |
| Thomas Seymour       | Charlotte Black   |
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A reputation for anticipating and adapting rapidly to changes in the legal and commercial environments.

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Wilberforce Chambers has a reputation for pre-eminence across a range of practice areas traditionally described as 'Commercial Chancery'. In addition to Private Client, we have barristers with expertise in the fields of Banking, Company, Property, Pensions, Intellectual Property and Information Technology, Professional Liability and general Commercial law. More information is available on our website at [www.wilberforce.co.uk](http://www.wilberforce.co.uk) and on request.

Our excellent clerking team is always happy to deal with queries about the Private Client Group and our other practice areas, as well as about individual members of Chambers. They approach all queries with care and attention and aim at all times to ensure that we are competitive with fee quotes.

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