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Qualifications and Appointments

- BCL, BA (Oxon)
- Deputy high court judge

“He has a brilliant mind and a great depth of experience.”

Chambers & Partners, 2014

Memberships

- Association of Pension Lawyers
- Chancery Bar Association
- Commercial Bar Association
- International Tax Planning Association
- STEP

Publications

- *Thy will be done: construction and rectification of wills in the Supreme Court (2014) Trusts & Trustees 20 (9): 988-970*

Practice Overview

Robert has a litigation and advisory practice, largely related to trust law. It covers not only traditional private client work, and associated tax law, but also pension schemes together with professional negligence in those fields. He enjoys devising complex transactions and drafting the documents to give effect to them, as well as sorting out the legal effect of complex transactions for which others were responsible.

Robert Ham QC has been ranked as a leading silk in the areas for Pensions, Trusts and Traditional Chancery in Chambers UK. He is described as *“incredibly charming, extremely receptive, relaxed and easy to work with”*. He combines this amiability with a skill for providing *“clear concise advice”* that brings him instruction after instruction. *“Able to refine issues in a commercial way”*. Ham creates *“a very reassuring atmosphere for the client and gets to the heart of the matter in a non-technical way”*. Robert is listed in the *Who's Who Legal: UK Bar 2015* for Private Client.



Trust, Tax, Probate and Estates

Robert Ham is experienced in all areas of trusts and private client law, both contentious and non-contentious. In England a judge has called him a "leading expert in the law of trusts".

In 2013 he appeared in both private client cases heard by the UK Supreme Court: *Futter v Futter*, joined with and reported as *Pitt v Holt* [2013] 2 AC 108, about the rule in *Re Hastings-Bass*, and *Marley v Rawlings* [2014] 2 WLR 213, the first probate case to go to the highest court in England since 1958, about the correct approach to the construction of wills and rectification.

He has been described as "a heavyweight figure in international trusts litigation" and has appeared in trust cases all over the world, from Borneo to the BVI. He is a bencher of the Middle Temple and a deputy high court judge.