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Richard is a consultant in the trust, estate and inheritance disputes team.

He advises on domestic and international disputes (or on how to minimise the risk of disputes) relating to trusts, wills, probate and inheritance, gifts for charities, shared ownership of property, informal promises of property, professional and non-professional fiduciary services (including individual and corporate trustees, executors, attorneys and deputies), the property and financial affairs of vulnerable adults and charitable status.

Richard's training at Withers means he also has experience advising clients on their wealth and estate planning and tax positions, contentious and non-contentious employment and workplace relationships, their philanthropic and not-for-profit aspirations and their positions as trustees of large (often corporate) charities.

Prior to joining Withers, Richard interned at the United Nations in Geneva, assisting with the periodic appraisal of member states by the Human Rights Council. He also worked as a Legal Advisor for a leading international commercial property developer, with particular responsibility for retail assets in England and Northern Ireland. Richard has also taught the law of trusts at King's College London, University College London and the School of Oriental and African Studies.

Track record

UHNW Lasting Power of Attorney and welfare dispute

Withers acted for the well-known businessman Gopichand Parmanand ('GP') Hinduja and his siblings in Court of Protection proceedings concerning the health, welfare, property and affairs of his brother, Srichand Parmanand Hinduja.

It is believed to have been amongst the longest-running and most complex Court of Protection disputes, spanning over twenty hearings on a wide range of issues. In August 2022, Mr Justice Hayden delivered two judgments ([here](#) and [here](#)) lifting all reporting restrictions, but at the Court of Appeal GP argued successfully that some restrictions should remain in place to preserve his brother's privacy. The Withers team was led by Stephen Richards and included Natasha Stourton, Richard Walker, Alexandra Dix and Rosalind Russell. Read the Court of Appeal's judgment [here](#).

Removal of executor

Assisted drafting Paul Hewitt's successful written submissions for the first defendant in *In re Goodman decd*, where Master Bragge agreed that an executor may be removed prior to his or her obtaining a grant of probate (subsequently affirmed on appeal to Newey J. and reported at [2013] 3 WLR 1551).

Restructure of NHS Charities

Assisted Alison Paines and Roger Waite with the restructuring of a number of NHS Charities.

External publications

'International enforcement issues relating to trusts', Chapter 9 of *International Trust and Divorce Litigation*, co-author

Admissions

England and Wales, 2016

Education

King's College London, LL.B. Law

University College London, LL.M. Law

Languages

English

Key dates

Year joined: 2014

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