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Rebecca is an associate in the trusts, estates and inheritance disputes team.

Rebecca acts for private individuals, trustees and charities across a wide variety of inheritance, will and trust disputes. She has experience of issues relating to contentious estate administration (including the removal of executors and trustees), will validity disputes and claims under the Inheritance (Provision for Family and Dependents) Act 1975.

Rebecca trained at Withers where she spent time in private client and tax, family and commercial real estate.

As a trainee, Rebecca assisted on the reported cases of *Withers Trust Corporation v Estate of Goodman* (mercy killing / relief from forfeiture) and *Bond v Webster & Ors* (will validity dispute).

Track record

Cynical attempt to claim estate's shares defeated

In *Adler v CTCL and Klein* [2024], Rebecca, Paul Hewitt and Alexandra Dix acted for the successful defendant, Mrs Klein (the first defendant being neutral and not participating for cost reasons), in a construction claim relating to several documents which the claimant alleged established that she was the beneficial owner of shares in 15 companies rather than the estate (from which we have previously succeeded in removing her as executor). The Chief Master found that the claim was issued in a 'cynical attempt' to frustrate Mrs Klein's 1975 Act claim for financial provision from her late husband's estate. The Chief Master awarded Mrs Klein her costs on an indemnity basis.

Education

Kings College London, LLB (Hons), 2016

Languages

English

Withers History

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