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Dora is a partner in the private client and tax team.

She specialises in all aspects of probate, succession and tax planning, both domestic and international, particularly for high net worth families and family offices. Dora also advises on lifetime cross border succession, planning and estates.

Dora often coordinates teams of professional advisers for major estates, both internally and externally, and deals with the non-contentious aspects of disputes relating to the validity of wills, Inheritance (Provision for Family) and Dependents Act 1975 claims, construction and rectification of wills, working closely with the trust and succession disputes team.

Dora specialises in international estates, in particular estates with a US and UK element, and domicile claims, including providing assistance for stress testing domicile pre-death.

Talks

- *'Lose the Fear of the Foreign - Practical Planning Strategies'*, 53rd Annual Heckerling Institute on Estate Planning, Orlando, Florida - January 16, 2019, co-presenter
- *'Multijurisdictional estate planning'*, STEP Orange County Conference - January 2016
- *'For whom the bell tolls - what to do when someone dies'*, STEP Verein & Basel conference, Zurich, - 2 October 2014

- 'Cross Border Planning, Which Way Now seminars', Geneva and Zurich - January 2014
- Succession and Inheritance Seminar, Milan - February 2013
- 'It's personal, action points for Italians living in the UK', London - February 2013
- 'Law Commission report on intestacy and family provisions claims on death', STEP Lancashire and Lakes talk - November 2012
- International Estates with US/UK interests, Bonhams talk, Los Angeles - September 2012
- 'Non-contentious probate rules - What will the new rules mean?', Lexis Nexis webinar - March 2012
- Lexis Nexis Cross border Estates Conference, London - 2010
- STEP New York talk - Spring 2009
- International Succession Conference, Milan and Lugano - 2007

External publications

'US-UK Estate planning', STEP Journal, co-author - August/September 2016

'Cross Atlantic Planning', US magazine, Private Wealth - November/December 2009

4th, 5th and 6th editions of McCutcheon on Inheritance Tax, Sweet & Maxwell, contributor

'The Charge on Death, Partly Exempt Transfers and Posthumous Arrangements', McCutcheon on Inheritance Tax, Sweet & Maxwell

Admissions

England and Wales, 1985

Education

Queen Mary's College, University of London, LLB (Hons)

Languages

English

Memberships

The Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners (STEP)

STEP UK Practice committee member

Law Society, Private client section

Key dates

Year joined: 1997

Year became partner: 2008

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