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Janette is special counsel in the private client and tax team.

She has extensive experience in acting for UK and offshore clients with complex trust and corporate assetholding structures. One of her specialities is finding a way through the minefield of the UK tax anti-avoidance provisions as they apply to offshore structures and also the taxation of non-domiciled UK residents. She also thrives on solving difficult drafting and interpretation issues in relation to wills, settlements and supplemental documents and the exercise of trustees' and executors' powers and duties. Janette also advises charities and philanthropists and, in this connection, she acts as the secretary to a major grant giving charitable trust.

Track record

Beneficiary restructuring for 85 settlements

Headed up a team tasked (within a matter of weeks) with re-structuring the classes of beneficiaries in around 85 offshore and UK settlements.

Corporate restructuring to maximise assets

Working with clients who are not UK resident but will be affected by the changes relating to the payment of inheritance tax on UK residential properties held through offshore structures and wish to maximise their assets for the benefit of UK charities. I am advising on a corporate re-structuring in order to achieve this.

External publications

Sweet & Maxwell's Practical Trust and Precedents and Practical Will Precedents, contributor

Admissions

England and Wales

Education

University of Nottingham, LL.B. (Hons)

Law Society Finals, Lancaster Gate, First class honours

Languages

English

Memberships

The Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners

The Charity Law Association

Key dates

Year joined: 1983

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