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Alice is a knowledge lawyer in our trust, estate and inheritance disputes team.

Alice is a knowledge lawyer in the trust, estate and inheritance disputes team, having until recently acted as a senior associate in that team. In her role as senior associate she acted for charities, private individuals and institutions in relation to all aspects of contentious trust and succession disputes, with a particular focus on complex cases in the Court of Protection, often with an international element. She acted for charities (with Paul Hewitt) in upholding the first instance decision in *Royal Commonwealth Society for the Blind v Beasant and Davies* [2021] EWHC 2315 (Ch) which concerned the interpretation of a nil rate band clause and closely echoed the Court of Appeal's unanimous finding in *RSPCA v Sharp*.

Alice is highly respected in both the contentious and non-contentious private client sphere and has been recommended by Legal 500 in the area of Private Client and Court of Protection.

Alice speaks at conferences, particularly in relation to Court of Protection issues. She spoke at the firm's Trust Litigation Academy series on capacity issues in the context of trusts. She also spoke at the Professional Deputies Forum on international issues in the Court of Protection and at the Thought Leaders 4 Next Gen Summit in Dublin, again on capacity.

Track record

Royal Commonwealth Society for the Blind

We acted for Sightsavers as representative residuary beneficiary in *Royal Commonwealth Society for the Blind v Beasant and others* [2021] in the charity's successful application to determine that a legacy expressed to be equal to the maximum that could pass free of tax had a nil value where there were already gifts in excess of £500,000. The decision helps guide the interpretation of nil-rate band clauses in wills.

Royal Commonwealth Society for the Blind v Beasant and others

Alice and [Paul Hewitt](#) act for Sightsavers as representative residuary beneficiary in *Royal Commonwealth Society for the Blind v Beasant and others* [2021] in the charity's successful application to determine that a legacy expressed to be equal to the maximum that could pass free of tax had a nil value where there were already gifts in excess of £500,000. Click [here](#) to read our briefing note on the case and click [here](#) to read to Judgment.

Admissions

England and Wales, 2012

Education

University College London, B.A. (Hons) History of Art

Languages

English

Memberships

The Association of Contentious Trust and Probate Specialists

Key dates

Year joined: 2010

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