

CONTENTIOUS TRUSTS & ESTATES IN SCOTLAND



BRODIES LLP – ENLIGHTEND THINKING

Brodies is the largest law firm in Scotland, delivering services of the highest quality to individuals and organisations across Scotland, the UK and the world.

Our clients come to us for different reasons but invariably stay with us for the same ones – relationships built on trust and galvanised by the quality of our legal advice, specialist know-how and shared appetite for success.

A little bit about us...

43 practice Areas ranked No. 1

By independent
legal directories
– Chambers UK
and Legal 500
UK

Tier 1 Legal 500
UK, Contentious
Trusts &
Probate

**UK National/
Regional Law
Firm of the Year**
2014-2019

"Whenever we need advice on Scottish law in the contentious probate and trusts field, our first port of call would be Brodies. They are very user-friendly, responsive and know their stuff."

Legal 500 UK 2020 - Ranked Tier 1, Contentious trusts and probate

"Brodies is a top-quality firm which is extremely professional. It is the first firm we recommend to our clients."

Chambers HNW UK 2020 - Ranked Band 1, Private Wealth Law

Contentious trust and estate specialists

Disputes concerning trusts and estates can add further distress at an already difficult time for those involved. Brodies has a number of specialists that have extensive experience dealing with the challenging issues which arise in the complex and sensitive field of contentious trusts and estates.

Our team are ranked top tier in leading independent legal directory, Legal 500 UK, who highlight our reputation as a market leader in complex contentious trusts and estates matters. In addition, both our Personal, Dispute Resolution and Public Law teams are ranked band and tier 1 in Chambers UK and Legal 500 UK legal directories.

As a full-service law firm, our specialists work closely with our dispute resolution team, drawing upon their expertise to offer specialist knowledge and deliver innovative, pragmatic solutions.

Our full service offering means that we can deliver on all aspects of contentious trust and estate matters, combining the absolute top quality of our court expertise with our similar reputation in the substance of trust and executry matters.

Because of our expertise, we are often able to resolve complex disputes extra-judicially. However, where a negotiated settlement is not possible, our team of skilled and experienced litigators will represent clients robustly. We can, and often do, appear in courts throughout Scotland.

We handle a broad range of contentious trust and estate work, including:

- Pursuing and defending applications to challenge the validity of wills;
- Proving the tenor of lost wills;
- Applications for declarator of death;
- Trust disputes, including the removal of trustees;
- Contentious executries, including actions of count, reckoning and payment;
- Judicial factories;
- Legal rights disputes; and
- Financial provision claims by cohabitants on death.

Our personal team

We are one of Scotland's largest teams of private client specialists. Consisting of a mix of lawyers, tax advisors, accountants and paralegals. We have some of the finest private client lawyers in the country who are recognised as specialists in their fields.

Our objective is simple - to offer our clients the best team of private client lawyers, who are part of the biggest full-service law firm in Scotland, which can meet all of their personal legal and tax requirements.

Our disputes resolution team

Brodies has the largest dispute resolution & litigation team in Scotland, with more specialists who are named as leading practitioners in the independent legal directories than any other law firm. We have the breadth and depth of knowledge to deliver solutions that meet all of our clients' legal needs. Our practice benefits from a national and international reach, whilst retaining local expertise and knowledge across Scotland.

We have particular expertise in trust and estate litigation. We regularly advise private individuals, trusts and banks on complex trusts, estates and executry matters, and have extensive experience of litigating in both the Court of Session and the sheriff courts. We have a number of qualified solicitor advocates who have appeared in the Court of Session, and provided opinions, on contentious trusts and estates matters.

QUALITY AND EXPERIENCE THAT'S PERSONAL

Our dedicated team is on hand to walk you through the complex area of contentious trusts and estates, helping you achieve the best outcomes for you and your family.

"We listen very carefully to clients to understand what they want to achieve, and we have set out to build our business to provide all of the quality legal services that are relevant to those clients and their markets."

Nick Scott, Brodies LLP Managing Partner

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