

Stages for Declarations of Trust

1. You make an appointment to see the Solicitor
2. You provide the Solicitor with the terms of the Declaration of Trust. He will guide you through the options to achieve your desired result and let you know the costs involved. You bring your passport or photo driving licence and a recent utility bill or bank statement for your ID for copying. If you are already instructing Hargreaves Gilman in relation to your conveyancing transaction this will not be necessary as your identification will have been verified by them
3. The Solicitor will send you either by email or through the post a draft of the Declaration together with our letter of engagement and terms of business
4. Once you have approved the draft Declaration the Solicitor will arrange for you to sign the original. You can come into the office and either the Solicitor or receptionist can witness your signatures, or you can arrange to sign in the presence of your own independent witnesses. If the Declaration is recording the unequal contribution by you to the purchase price or in respect of an ongoing transaction it may be possible to time the signing of the original to coincide with a visit to see the Conveyancing fee earner so she can witness your signatures at the same time as she explains the Contract, Mortgage, Searches etc to you
5. The Declaration will be dated the day of completion of your purchase, and you will be provided with copies for your records. The original can be stored for a one-off fee. If you sell that property the net sale proceeds will then be distributed in accordance with the terms of the Declaration, and the Declaration will become null and void. There will be no need for us to continue to store the same. We can act for you in the eventual sale of the property

Tony Learoyd (tonylearoyd@hargreavesgilman.com)

Qualified as a solicitor in June 2015 and specialised exclusively in this area of the law ever since with experience in drafting Wills, Deeds of Variation, Assents, Gifts of residential properties, Deputyship applications, preparation of Powers of Attorney and administration of Estates.

Joined Hargreaves Gilman in November 2016.

Other staff in the Private Client Department

Director/Supervisor: **Deborah Millington**

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Qualified as a solicitor in September 1992 and specialised exclusively in this area of the law ever since with experience in drafting Wills, Deeds of Variation, Assents, Gifts of residential properties, Deputyship applications, preparation of Powers of Attorney and administration of Estates

Set up Hargreaves Gilman in December 2002.

Head of Private Client Department/Supervisor: **Qasim Ali Ullah**

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Qualified as a solicitor in April 2024 and specialised exclusively in this area of the law since May 2021 with experience in drafting Wills, Deeds of Variation, Assents, preparation of Powers of Attorney and administration of Estates

Joined Hargreaves Gilman in September 2025

Wills & Probate Paralegal

Juan Moliner-Casani

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Completed his Law degree in July 2024 whilst employed as a Probate Paralegal from June 2024. His Solicitors Qualifying Exam course commenced in June 2025.

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Chloe Louise Marsland

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Achieved a first in her law degree and distinction in her Legal Practice Course with Masters. She has specialised in the area of Wills & Lasting Powers of Attorney since February 2024.

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We are all assisted by Gwyneth Hughes who has been a legal secretary with Hargreaves Gilman since July 2003