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Amy Berry is a probate and property specialist. Her work also extends to traditional chancery and related commercial fields. She is regularly instructed for freezing injunctions, in construction disputes, in professional negligence matters and in cross-border estates.

Amy is skilled and down to earth. Over the years she has gained knowledge in diverse areas of law which she uses to ensure that lateral thinking and the application of principles from other areas of law are deployed when required. Moreover, her work requires a wide ranging and contemporary knowledge of contract, tort and insolvency; as well as the law on the supply of services and sale of goods. Amy litigates in all forums and appears regularly in the High Court. She is an advocate for ADR and has advised, drafted pleadings for, and represented parties at adjudication, mediation and arbitration.

Amy strives to achieve justice. She works pro bono on meritorious cases and will consider acting on deferred fee basis and under conditional fee agreements. She often prepares advices for insurance and insurers.

## Inheritance, Wills & Probate

Amy regularly advises on and acts in claims pursuant to CPR 57 and 64 including matters under the Inheritance (Provision for Family and Dependents) Act 1975 often as part of more complicated estates including partnerships and cross-borders. She has developed a practice which encompasses the law on testamentary capacity, undue influence, want of knowledge and approval, due execution, lost wills, construction of wills, insolvent estates, rectification and construction, removal of PRs and trustees, the administration of estates, accounts and inquiries, IHT/CGT tax advice and breach of trust claims. Her work also extends to professional negligence which encompasses these areas of law.

Amy is instructed on behalf of minor beneficiaries, professional PRs, potentially negligent solicitors (via insurers) and disappointed beneficiaries. She is often in the High Court dealing with contentious non-contentious work involving caveats, warnings and appearances, revocation of grant applications, applications for estate accounts and pre-issue disclosure.

## Court of Protection

Amy appears in the Court of Protection often in the context of wider estate and/or trust litigation. The issue of capacity within the Court of Protection proceedings complements her probate practice. Her head for figures and transferable skills from property and probate make her an ideal advocate of technical issues including contested statutory wills.

## Property Law

The majority of her work in this area covers all real property from planning and construction to estate contracts and conveyance, restrictive covenants and easements to boundary disputes, mortgages and charges. Other aspects of her broad proprietary practice include claims under the Trust of Land and Appointment of Trustees Act 1996, constructive and resulting trusts, proprietary estoppel, undue influence, statutory interpretation, construction of trusts, rectification, commercial and residential landlord and tenant, dilapidations, housing and professional negligence.

## Building & Construction

Amy grew up with her father and grandfather working in the construction industry. She is adept and at home at dealing with planners, architects, surveyors, engineers and their technical reports and drawings. Her work covers all areas from planning and construction to professional negligence. Her property work assists with issues over real property and her business and commercial work provides the link to dealing with contractual and tortious disputes including sale of goods and supply of services and insolvency.

## Commercial

Commercial and insolvency cases embrace both personal and corporate insolvency, commercial contracts including sale of goods and supply of services, shareholder and partnership disputes, costs and enforcement proceedings. Often these disputes fall within engineering and construction disputes or part of larger property and probate proceedings.

## Professional Negligence

Amy's work in professional negligence is in the spheres of probate and property work. She advises insurers, solicitors, disappointed beneficiaries, executors and clients on all aspects of professional negligence in her fields of specialism.

## Qualifications

- Cassel Scholarship, Lincoln's Inn (2003)
- BVC, London (2003)
- LLB (Hons), London (2002)

## Professional associations

- Association of Contentious Trust & Probate Specialists
- Chancery Bar Association
- Property Bar Association
- Society of Trust Estate Practitioners

## Professional activities

Amy regularly participates in giving seminars and is available to give in-house seminars and lectures upon request.

## Outside Interests

Amy enjoys spending time with her young family, sport, gardening and generally being outside in the sun.

## Publications

- [Missing PRs, beneficiaries, creditors and people – SFE AGM June 2019](#)
- [General Data Protection Regulations for the private client solicitor – SFE AGM June 2019](#)
- [Can we draft better wills – SFE AGM June 2019](#)
- [A corpse: who has the right to decide after death? Part 1](#)
- [A corpse: who has the right to decide after death? Part 2](#)
- Back to basics how to instruct counsel in probate actions – published in Private Client Yearbook 2012
- Right to light – Pump Court Chambers seminar March 2012
- Costs, part 36 offers and civil procedure rules in Inheritance Act Claims – Oxford Resolution seminar March 2012
- Re Hastings Bass – Pump Court Chambers seminar October 2011 and Adenac seminar March 2012
- Mutual wills – Published on Lawskills website