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Julian Reed practices in the areas of family and civil law, specialising in areas where the two disciplines overlap.

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His practice includes contentious probate matters, acting for both claimants and defendants (including executors) in cases involving the Inheritance (Provision for Family and Dependents) Act 1975. Administration of estates, including insolvent estates, also featured in this practice is dealing with the removal of awkward and recalcitrant Trustees and Executors. Claims concerning the validity of wills by reason of testator's incapacity, the effects of undue influence, or the satisfaction of formal requirements.

Julian has handled cases in Care Standards tribunals. The same includes Care Standards Appeal Tribunal – Puretruce Health Care Ltd v National Assembly for Wales [2005] EWCST 544 (EA-W) (5 September 2006). He also has experience in both private and public law Children Act applications.

His practice also involves personal injury and general common law work. Julian is qualified to accept instructions directly from members of the public through the Direct Access Scheme.

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Julian's family finance practice includes:

- Applications for financial provision of various financial worth ranging from cases requiring a needs based solution to those involving businesses, farms, companies and partnerships.
- Cohabitation disputes under the Trusts of Lands and Trusts of Land Act 1996.
- Applications pursuant to Schedule I of the Children Act 1989.
- Applications pursuant to the Inheritance (Provision for Family and Dependents) Act 1975.

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Selected Cases

Re L (A Child) [2011] EWCA Civ 489

Contact / findings of fact.

Re P (Child) [1999]

Court of Appeal - residence/contact.

Re B & Others

Care proceedings: disclosure.

Inheritance, Wills & Probate

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Selected Cases

Paul v Paul and others [2022] EWHC 1638 (Fam)

Re Bala (deceased) Amnir and others v Bala and others; MN (a protected party by her litigation friend) v Bala and

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others [2023] EWHC 1054 (Ch)

Drury v Rafique [2018] EWHC 1527 (Ch)

Wilson v Lassman [2017] EWHC 85 (Ch)

Blass v Folan [2016]

Chancery Division, Disposal of body

Reid v Rees [2010]

Chancery Division - Undue Influence

Walton v Kerguelen Investments Ltd [2008] EWL & RA 0321

Tattersalls Ltd v Imirziadis [2007]

Queen's Bench Division - Auction/contract

DPP v Dunlop [2004] EWHC 225 (Admin)

Queen's Bench Division - Case Stated

Court of Protection

Julian regularly appears in the Court of Protection. He recently appeared in Re: RGB [2013] EWHC B23 (Court of Protection).

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Professional associations

- Family Law Bar Association
- Personal Injury Bar Association

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Professional activities

For many years, Julian has given lectures. He has lectured for the Law Society, ILEX, and the Confederation of Law Societies.

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