

## **WILLS AND ESTATES DISPUTES**

**A Will says what should happen to a person's property on their death. However, sometimes what a Will says or the lack of a Will can result in an unexpected or unfair situation.**

**Also, those named to administer the estate are under a duty to act in the best interests of the beneficiaries and this can lead to disputes.**

How we can help:-

### **Have you been left out of a Will?**

- The law says that people are free to leave their estates to anyone they wish. However, the law also provides that, in certain circumstances, you might be entitled to a share of a person's estate.
- It might be possible for financial provision to be made for you from the estate in spite of what the Will says.

### **What if a Will does not reflect the true wishes of a loved one?**

A Will must be made by a person who:

- Is of sound mind
- Is free from influence by others
- Understands and approves the contents of the Will

and will only be valid if certain specific formalities such as witnessing are complied with.

If you suspect that any of these requirements have not been met, it may be possible to challenge the Will.

### **Have you been named to administer an estate?**

- Are you aware of your rights and responsibilities?
- Did you know that the beneficiaries can challenge you if do not carry out your duties correctly?
- You may be personally liable.
- With our help, you can be sure that you will be doing it right.

At **Gill Akaster LLP** we have the expertise and experience to represent your interests and achieve the best result for you.

Our Contentious Probate Specialists are experienced in:-

- getting justice for clients deprived of their proper rights
- drafting Wills and dealing with the administration of estates and so helping clients avoid problems in the first place.

John Clarke is an Associate Member of the Association of Contentious Trust and Probate Specialists (ACTAPS).

There are various ways of funding disputes of this kind. At **Gill Akaster LLP**, we may be able to deal with your particular matter under the Legal Aid Scheme. We are also able to deal with certain disputes of this kind on a No Win No Fee basis.

Contact us now for a no obligation discussion by telephoning 01752 203500 and asking for John Clarke or by emailing John at [john.clarke@gillakaster.com](mailto:john.clarke@gillakaster.com)

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