

Probate Litigation

Providing advice and support
when you most need it



At Swinburne Maddison, we understand the emotional sensitivity of any legal disagreements over a person's estate, particularly where family members have suffered a recent loss. Our highly experienced team approach cases of this nature with a sympathetic and supportive manner.

Wherever possible, we strive to keep disputes out of court, providing advice which is clear, practical and timely. Our Dispute Resolution team is regularly brought in to advise on probate and personal disputes and often works hand in hand with our Private Client team to support clients in the best way possible. We encourage our clients to consider mediation as an alternative to resolve disputes. This is with a view to keeping costs to a minimum, to avoid delays associated with court proceedings and, primarily, to avoid further stress and upset for clients.



- Claims for financial provision from an estate under the
- Inheritance (Provision for Family and Dependents) Act 1975
- Disputed wills e.g. on the grounds of capacity or undue influence
- Probate disputes involving fraud
- Disputes involving Executors' misconduct
- Disputes involving previous promises made and relied upon in respect of estate assets.

**We put our clients'
needs at the heart
of everything we do**

We offer more than just legal advice and recognise how difficult dealing with probate issues can be for both individuals and their families.

Working hand in hand



We work across all areas of probate that can arise when someone sadly dies and often work very closely with our Private Client team when needed, to ensure all aspects of a case are considered and advised on.

Our range of experience

When individuals and their families are arguably going through some of their toughest times, we are there to listen and help guide, advise and resolve. Probate disagreements can be complex and wide ranging. They can range from individuals dying without leaving a will (and the impact this has on their family), to disputes over the will left (and potentially the conditions under which it was made), to disagreements around the Executors' administration of a person's estate.

The best possible outcome

At the heart of what we do is a commitment to finding fair and practical resolutions for our clients. Probate litigation cases can be time consuming and expensive, and at Swinburne Maddison we are committed to providing client focused advice and will work on achieving the best possible outcome to meet our client needs. We will work collaboratively with our other internal teams and third parties as and when needed to help our clients navigate complex and sensitive issues. Mediation is often one of our preferred approaches, avoiding more upset and costly court proceedings wherever possible.

It is this dedication to striving for amicable outcomes before considering court proceedings, that truly sets us apart and has earned us our reputation of client first.

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If you have any queries regarding a will or the administration of an estate, please contact one of our experts.

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