



## Talk to the experts

## Legal advice during probate

When a partner or close family member dies the emotional cost of dealing with all the necessary legal formalities and paperwork can be overwhelming especially given the stress of the occasion.

From wills or intestacy to estate administration and dealing with inheritance tax, there are certain steps that need to be taken. To help you at this difficult time, our experts will discuss your specific probate requirements during a no charge, one hour meeting at our offices to help you understand the process, as well as the general problems and liabilities you might be exposed to when administering an estate.

Our specialist probate team is extremely experienced in dealing with a wide range of issues around deceased estates. Our lawyers are dedicated to helping families through the legal maze at a time when their emotions are still very raw and to ensuring the process runs as smoothly and efficiently as possible.

Presuming a will exists, the deceased will have named an executor to take responsibility for administering the estate - this can be a complex and time-consuming process, especially for the layman, and the advice of our professional probate practitioners can be invaluable.

B P Collins provides executors with a questionnaire to help them collate the information necessary to apply for a Grant of Probate and then takes care of the application.

It is also at this point that the issue of inheritance tax arises. An inheritance tax account must be completed and submitted to HM Revenue and Customs. A shortened account needs to be prepared for estates which are not subject to inheritance tax and, in both these instances our legal team can complete the necessary accounts and forward the relevant information.

Clients are assured that our solicitors deal promptly and sensitively with probate including cases of intestacy and provide effective advice if an estate is contested.

To arrange an initial, no charge meeting with a member of our probate team, please call:

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