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#### Alice is a senior associate in our trust, estate and inheritance disputes team.

She acts for charities, private individuals and institutions in relation to all aspects of contentious trust and succession disputes, with a particular focus on Court of Protection matters.

She advises on a range of issues that come within the Court of Protection's jurisdiction, including statutory will applications, lifetime gifts and matters concerning the operation of attorneyships and deputyships.

She is an active member of the elder law team.

She also advises on all aspects of the validity of wills, including claims of undue influence to disputed capacity, and actions brought under the Inheritance (Provision for Family and Dependants) Act 1975, and issues of construction and rectification.

Alice is recommended by Legal 500 in the area of Private Client and Court of Protection.

### Track record

#### Royal Commonwealth Society for the Blind

We acted for Sightsavers as representative residuary beneficiary in Royal Commonwealth Society for the Blind v Beasant and others [2021] in the charity's successful application to determine that a legacy expressed to be equal to the maximum that could pass free of tax had a nil value where there were already gifts in excess of £500,000. The decision helps guide the interpretation of nil-rate band clauses in wills.

#### Royal Commonwealth Society for the Blind v Beasant and others

Alice and <u>Paul Hewitt</u> act for Sightsavers as representative residuary beneficiary in Royal Commonwealth Society for the Blind v Beasant and others [2021] in the charity's successful application to determine that a legacy expressed to be equal to the maximum that could pass free of tax had a nil value where there were already gifts in excess of £500,000. Click <u>here</u> to read our briefing note on the case and click <u>here</u> to read to Judgment.

### Admissions

England and Wales, 2012

#### Education

University College London, B.A. (Hons) History of Art

## Languages

English

## Memberships

The Association of Contentious Trust and Probate Specialists

# Key dates

Year joined: 2010

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