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Alexandra is a senior associate in the Trust, Estate and inheritance disputes team.

Alexandra acts for individuals, charities and trustees in relation to a wide range of domestic and cross-border trust and succession matters. She advises on all types of trust and probate disputes ranging from issues relating to the validity of wills and trusts, the construction and rectification of wills and deeds, removal of executors and trustees, constructive trust and proprietary estoppel claims and claims under the Inheritance (Provision for Family and Dependents) Act 1975.

She also advises on Court of Protection matters, including statutory wills and powers of attorney.

She is a member of the firm's Charity Legacy Team and Elder Law Team.

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## Track record

## Mercy killing and relief from forfeiture

In 2023, Paul and Alexandra Dix acted for Withers Trust Corporation in the estate of Adrian Berry, securing full relief from the forfeiture rule in the light of the tragic circumstances. Mr Berry had assisted in the death of his terminally ill wife, before taking his own life. As a result of the relief granted, Mr Berry's estate receives the benefit of his wife's estate, such that all their assets pass to their intended charity, free of inheritance tax. [Click here](#) to read the judgment and [here](#) to read our briefing note.

## Out of depth executor removed

In *Klein v Adler and Klein*, Alexandra and [Paul Hewitt](#) acted for the successful claimant, Mrs Klein, in an action to replace the executor with an independent administrator, the Deputy Master holding that there had been a '*real failure to progress the administration*' resulting in part from her lack of modern technological ability which served to emphasise why she was '*not a suitable person to carry through the administration of the estate*'.

## Widow allowed to bring claim record-breaking 26 years out of time

Alexandra, along with [Paul Hewitt](#) acted for Mrs Bhusate in her claim for financial provision from her late husband's estate more than 25 years after her husband passed away. Despite the lengthy delay (the previous record of just under six years was set in 1993) Chief Master Marsh ordered that Mrs Bhusate's claim should be allowed to proceed. [Click here](#) to see his judgment. In January 2020, reported at [2020] WTLR 691, the High Court upheld Chief Master Marsh's decision (the appeal judgment is [here](#)) meaning Mrs Bhusate's claim could proceed. Shortly after the defendant stepchildren conceded the claim. [Click here](#) to read our briefing note.

## Claim to have been treated as a child

In *Wells v Chorus Law and Others* [2018], Alexandra and [Paul Hewitt](#) acted for the successful defendants in the first 'child of a single parent family' 1975 Act claim following amendments to the legislation in 2014. The Judge agreed that the deceased had never treated the claimant (his former neighbour, twenty years his junior) as part of his family. She was therefore refused permission to bring a financial provision claim. [Click](#) to read our briefing note on the case.

## Succession dispute

Alexandra, along with [Stephen Richards](#), acted for the successful claimants in *Tish v Olley & Others* [2018], where the judge agreed with their interpretation of the will. [Click here](#) to read our briefing note on the case and [here](#) for the judgment.

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## Talks

- 'Charities - how they should respond to 1975 Act Claims; & Defining persons treated as a child of family: lessons from the Family Division and their application to the single parent family in *Wells v Chorus Law*', ACTAPS Annual Seminar - April 2019

## Admissions

England and Wales, 2017

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## Education

Oxford University, B.A. History

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## Languages

English

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## Memberships

Associate Member of Association of Contentious Trust and Probate Specialists (ACTAPS)

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## Key dates

Year joined: 2015

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