



Probate Team Information

Our team has many years of collective experience in delivering high quality work in all matters relating to probate. You can be assured that we will do all that we can to make sure that your matter proceeds as promptly and smoothly as possible. We will also avoid using legal jargon as much as possible and deliver our advice to you in plain English. Regardless of who works on your matter, they will be supervised by Sam Smith, Director and Head of our Private Client Department.

Bridport Office

Sam Smith

Director – Solicitor – Head of Private Client Department

Sam qualified in 1982, is a member of STEP (STEP is the global professional association for practitioners who specialise in family inheritance and succession planning) and has over 30 years' experience in probate work. Sam divides his time between private client work and conveyancing. He has a wide range of experience including unusual estate and agricultural matters and has successfully dealt with hundreds of probate matters. Sam will typically deal with between 30-100 estates each year.

Dorchester Office

Michelle O'Leary - Solicitor

Michelle qualified as a solicitor in 2006 and has been working in our Private Client Department since 2013. Michelle has dealt with a wide range of complex issues which have provided a wealth of sound experience to draw upon. Michelle will typically deal with between 10-30 probate matters each year.

Weymouth and Portland Offices

Cordelia English - Solicitor

Cordelia qualified in 2000 and has been working in our Private Client Department since 2017. Cordelia is a member of STEP and it is anticipated she will deal with between 10-30 probate matters each year.