

New specialist litigation team for Meridian

MERIDIAN Private Client is pleased to announce the arrival of a specialist trust and probate litigation team.

The new team will complement the firm's existing services which are focused on helping individuals protect their family wealth through tax and estate planning.

It is becoming increasingly common for disputes to arise in relation to a deceased's estate. The average value of an estate has risen considerably whilst the number of divorces has led to increasingly complex family structures clouding the issue of who should get what. Such factors have led to a significant increase in the number of claims being made under the 1975 Inheritance Act.

Challenges relating to a deceased's testamentary capacity are also more prevalent with people living longer and incidents of dementia and related conditions increasing.

Disputes involving vulnerable

persons dealt with by the Court of Protection are also becoming more common.

In addition, despite their usefulness in many situations, disputes do arise between the trustees and beneficiaries of family trusts.

Meridian has recognised a need to be able to deliver first class advice in contentious situations such as these.

The new team boasts more than 40 years of litigation experience between them and has an excellent reputation for resolving what are often acrimonious and emotional family conflicts.

The team prides itself in identifying key issues at the very outset and giving friendly, pragmatic and cost effective advice.

Mark Abrol, who joins as a partner, heads up the new team and is supported by Mark Terrar, senior associate, and Emma-Louise Green, associate.



➤ Meridian's partners (from left): Natasha Smith, Jon Croxford, Drummond Kerr and Mark Abrol

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All of the team are members of the Association of Contentious Trusts and Probate Specialists (ACTAPS), the leading professional

body bringing together specialists in this field of law.

Jon Croxford, partner, said: "We are delighted to welcome Mark Abrol and the new team to Meridian.

"We advise many families with complex legal and tax issues, often with an international element, whether that be family members

living abroad, assets located outside the UK or overseas trust and company structures.

"When contentious issues arise, specialist litigation advice is required.

"Mark Abrol and his team will be able to add real value to our clients and bring a new dimension to the practice."

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A Lasting Legacy

Meridian Private Client LLP is a specialist private client law firm focused entirely on helping clients protect their wealth through tax and estate planning and resolving trust and probate disputes.

We provide advice in complex areas of law and tax, often involving international issues, whether for individuals who are internationally mobile or with financial interests abroad.

Our highly experienced team consists of a mix of solicitors and tax specialists. We are committed to building long-term relationships with our clients, often from an entrepreneurial background, to deliver creative and practical solutions which will assist in securing their financial future.

Our services also include the administration of trusts and estates, tax compliance for trustees and individuals, preparing trust deeds, wills and powers of attorney.

To arrange an initial consultation without commitment, please email Jon Croxford at jon.croxford@meridianpc.co.uk or call him on 01675 442430.

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