Julia Sood
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Julia Sood completed her Law Degree from Anglia Ruskin University, she then went onto doing her Legal Practice Course with the College of Law in Bloomsbury, London in 2014.

Julia commenced her Training Contract with Holmes & Hills Solicitors, a leading law firm in East Anglia and recognised in Legal 500, qualifying as a Solicitor upon completion of her two-year training contract in June 2017. Upon qualification, Julia joined the firm's Private Client department. During her time at the firm, Julia also successfully completed training to become a Dementia Friend.

In January 2018, Julia joined Paul Robinson Solicitors, a well-established Essex based firm with a London presence, which are also WIQS accredited (Wills & Inheritance Quality scheme), where she continued working in the Private Client department for a further three years. As well as Private Client work Julia also undertook other associated work such as preparing Declarations of Trust and General Powers of Attorney.

In March 2021, Julia joined the Private Client department of Pinney Talfourd LLP, where she undertakes a wide range of Private Client work.

EXPERTISE

Julia's areas of specialism include:

WILLS

- Wills

LASTING POWERS OF ATTORNEY

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- Lasting Powers of Attorney
- Decisions affecting Property and Finances
- Decisions affecting health and welfare

PROBATE

- Probate
- Intestacy
- Executors
- Estate Administration Services

BADGES & AWARDS

Julia is an Accredited Lifetime Lawyer – one of the most qualified lawyers in the country supporting vulnerable and older people. She is often approached by clients on the website due to the fact she is bilingual and can speak to them in Hindi, Punjabi or Urdu if required as well as see elderly clients at their house if they are unable to attend the office.

Julia is currently working towards her qualification to become a member of the Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners (STEP) and has completed her first exam towards this.

ON A PERSONAL NOTE

In her spare time Julia likes to read, undertake new projects, socialise with family & friends and travel.

Areas of Expertise

Estate Administration Services

Notable Estate Administration Services cases

Last year preparing a Deed of Variation for the estate of an unmarried couple which resulted in the children of the deceased being able to benefit from the Residential Nil Rate Band and meaning there were extra tax allowances available and no Inheritance Tax to pay as a result.

Recently prepared a Deed of Variation on an ongoing matter where two family members died in quick succession of one another, which will reduce the Inheritance Tax payable on the estate of the second to pass substantially, if accepted by HMRC.

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Dealing with an estate where the first spouse to die had a Nil Rate Band Discretionary Trust in their Will and liaising with other team members regarding a separate issue of a legal charge on the matrimonial home, meaning interest was charged on the asset, which in turn reduced the Inheritance Tax payable. Beneficiaries were advised to liaise with an accountant as any tax payable on the gain could potentially be mitigated and any tax payable would not be as high the Inheritance Tax.

Wills

Notable Wills cases

Preparation of Discretionary Trust Wills where a vulnerable beneficiary is involved or may not be financially responsible such as gambling addiction etc to enable funds for their benefit to be properly managed, in turn ensuring matters are dealt with in a responsible manner. Advising clients of the formalities of the trust going forwards.

Preparation of Life Interest Wills not only for protecting children in the case of second marriages but potentially protecting half of the matrimonial home against care fees.

Recently seeing a client at a care home, who needed to sell her house urgently and ascertaining her capacity, as she had no close family and was not receiving support from Social Services. Client decided to appoint the firm as her professional attorneys.

Languages

- Hindi
- Punjabi
- Urdu

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Memberships

- Dementia Friend
- Solicitors for the Elderly

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