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Kristian Croad studied his law degree at Bournemouth University, graduating in 2003 and completing his Legal Practice Course in 2004. As part of his degree, Kristian had a year long work placement in 2001 / 2002 at Dickinson Manser Solicitors, a firm in Poole, Dorset where Kristian first developed his passion for Private Client work.

Kristian subsequently joined Dickinson Manser Solicitors to complete his two-year long training contract, qualifying as a solicitor in 2006.

Kristian joined Pinney Talfourd in 2007 as part of the Private Client team.

EXPERTISE

Kristian's expertise covers:

WILLS

- [Wills](#)

LASTING POWERS OF ATTORNEY

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- [Decisions affecting Property and Finances](#)
- [Decisions affecting health and welfare](#)

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TRUSTS

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Kristian is a highly experienced Trusts practitioner who advises on a range of Trust matters including the creation, administration and winding up of various types of Trusts.

Kristian is a Partner and has a reputation for being a Trust Expert both within and outside of the firm. He is regularly consulted by other professionals in relation to Trust and Estate work and other Private Client matters.

BADGES & AWARDS

Kristian is a full member of the Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners (STEP) having completed his STEP Diploma in 2009. Kristian is also an Accredited Lifetime Lawyer – one of the most qualified Lawyers in the country supporting vulnerable and older people.

Kristian is a member of the firm's Charity Committee assisting and participating in the planning of fundraising events and is also a Trustee for HAD – the Havering Association for People with Disabilities.

ON A PERSONAL NOTE

On a personal note, Kristian is a Husband and a Father of two boys that keep him occupied in his spare time. Kristian enjoys watching a variety of sports including Football and Rugby and is an avid supporter of AFC Bournemouth. Kristian also enjoys running when he can find the time.

Areas of Expertise

Trusts

Kristian specialises in Trust work dealing with simple matters to complex Trust problems. He regularly advises families with difficult issues on how best to protect their assets for future generations. This can include advising clients to consider alternatives to Trusts before deciding on the best Trust for them in their circumstances

Notable Trusts cases

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Advising a Father on the creation of a Disabled Beneficiary Trust for the benefit of his son.

Advising clients on the most effective way to bring a Trust to an end that was no longer suitable for their needs.

Administering a Trust for the benefit of vulnerable beneficiaries.

Advising on the creation of and the administration of Personal Injury Trusts and possible alternatives.

Administering a Trust for the benefit of the Deceased's spouse keeping assets ringfenced for the Deceased's ultimate preferred beneficiaries from a previous relationship.

Administration of a Personal Injury Trust worth in excess of £2.4 million.

Helping families unwind Asset Protection Trusts that were not suitable for their needs after they had received inappropriate advice from third party advisers.

Application to the Court of Protection to have an incapable Trustee removed and a new Trustee appointed in his place.

Advising in the winding up of a Life Interest Trust where the Will prepared by a third party firm did not reflect the Deceased's true wishes and liaising with all beneficiaries to rectify the outcome.

Advising in the creation of a Disabled Beneficiary Trust by parents for their child who would not be capable

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of managing the money for himself.

Estate Administration

The majority of Kristian's cases include advising Personal Representatives on Estate Administration at a time which can seem complicated at an emotionally difficult time. Legal 500 described Kristian in 2020 as "eloquently explains complicated aspects in a clear, concise and client friendly way".

Notable Estate Administration cases

Administering an estate which include difficult relationships between Executors and Beneficiaries from "different sides of the family".

Administering an estate which involved the collection of US assets.

Advising an Executor who had an acrimonious relationship with his brother (who was also his co-Executor) so the administration could be completed without Court involvement.

Advising an Executor to apply for a Grant of Probate on credit where there were insufficient liquid funds to pay the inheritance tax due on application for the Grant of Probate.

Wills

Kristian has been drafting Wills for over 20 years and been advising clients in a broad spectrum of circumstances. This has included simple Wills for families wishing to pass their estates to their spouse and their children to families with more complex circumstances including second marriages and children from previous relationships.

This time has seen changes to succession planning and tax legislation allowing Kristian to assist families in planning for eventualities that they had not considered.

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Advising a family living in a multigenerational household.

Preparing Wills for a couple who were concerned about protecting their assets if either of them needed residential care in the future.

Preparing a Will for an individual with children who would not be able to manage the funds and would have a detrimental effect on them. A Will Trust was required to ensure that the funds would be protected and managed for adult children.

Memberships

- Society of Trusts and Estates Practitioners (STEP)
- Solicitors for the Elderly
- Law Society Private Client Section

Awards

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