

## Laura Hotten

### Senior Associate



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Laura Hotten studied law at the University of East Anglia, Norwich, and graduated with an upper second class degree in 2012. Following her graduation, Laura took on the role of a Paralegal in the Private Client department of another regional firm, before being offered a two year training contract at the same firm, which was focused in Private Client Law. Laura completed her legal practice course at the University of Law, Bloomsbury, achieving a Distinction, alongside her training contract and qualified as a Solicitor in 2016. Laura remained at the same firm for a further five years developing her skills and expertise as a Private Client solicitor.

Laura joined Pinney Talfourd as a Private Client Associate in 2022 and was promoted to Senior Associate in November 2024. With over ten years' of experience specialising in Private Client matters, Laura is able to provide expert and clear legal advice to individuals, families and business owners on matters including the preparation of Wills, Lasting Powers of Attorney, Trusts and Inheritance Tax planning.

Laura also has a breadth of knowledge and expertise in the Administration of Estates. She regularly acts for executors of high value and complex estates and can also advise on Intestacy Administration (where no will was left by the deceased) and Deeds of Variation (where a beneficiary would prefer to re-direct their inheritance to another person, perhaps as part of their own Inheritance Tax planning).

## EXPERTISE

Laura's areas of specialism include:

### WILLS

#### • Wills

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## LASTING POWERS OF ATTORNEY

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- [Probate](#)
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- [Executors](#)
- [Estate Administration Services](#)

## TRUSTS

- [Trusts](#)

## BADGES & AWARDS

Laura is a full member of the Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners (STEP), having completed her STEP Diploma in 2020, and is therefore recognised as an expert in her field of work.

## ON A PERSONAL NOTE

In her spare time, Laura enjoys spending time with her family, baking and keeping active.

## Areas of Expertise

### Wills

#### Notable Wills cases

Wills for a couple in a second marriage who wished to sever their joint tenancy of their property, so that they held their property as tenants in common instead, so that they could provide the surviving spouse with a Life Interest over the first spouse to die's property share, whilst providing in the wills that each spouse's property share would ultimately pass to their own children of their first marriages.

A Will for a testator who wished to leave a share of her estate on a Discretionary Trust to be managed by Trustees instead of passing directly to vulnerable/financially irresponsible children.

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## Estate Administration Services

### Notable Estate Administration Services cases

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Advising the executors of an estate worth in excess of £30 million that contained a wide range of assets, including a large property portfolio and overseas assets, the majority of which passed to a number of registered charities.

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Advising the executor of a high value estate that contained unquoted shares in a limited family company, making a claim for business property relief and successfully negotiating with HMRC to maximise the availability of the relief.

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Advising the beneficiaries of an Estate on the use of a Deed of Variation to re-direct part of the Estate to a Flexible Life Interest Trust in favour of the surviving spouse to mitigate the Inheritance Tax payable from the Estate.

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## Awards

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