

*We don't believe in law as usual  
For us, law is inspiring...*

## *Our story*

A number of years ago, we decided that we could change the way legal services are delivered. That we could do them better. At gunnercooke, we believe the potential of our clients and our people rests with our ability to free the law and make it work as it should. Today, we attract passionate lawyers and advise with authority: every gunnercooke lawyer has a minimum 10,000 hours practising experience.

Flexibility, transparency and freedom guide everything we do. Flexibility for our people to work how they want. Transparency of cost for our clients because we removed time recordings and billable hours. Freedom for our people and clients to achieve their personal and professional aspirations.

We work with clients that believe tradition is there to be tested, not obeyed. Working together, we help them seek opportunities and push the boundaries of what's possible.

Providing a suite of corporate and commercial legal services, gunnercooke is one of the UK's fastest-growing challenger brands. Proud of what we have achieved, committed to doing more.



### *Lucille Haire*

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#### **Overview**

#### **What she's best at**

Lucille is a trusts and estates partner, with over 20 years' specialist experience in the full range of private client services, from drafting wills, deeds of variation and inheritance tax planning, to advising on, creating and winding up trusts, preparing and registering powers of attorney, dealing with issues relating to care of the elderly. She is particularly expert in administering estates with a foreign element and advising on challenging wills and bringing and defending contested probate actions.

Lucille has also dealt with many entrepreneurial clients and has a special interest in small and medium-sized businesses. She completed the STEP Advanced Certificate in Family Business Advising with Distinction, and is interested in constructively addressing the issues challenging businesses, with the aim of improving outcomes and stimulating more successful succession planning within the family business. She established the Family Business Group within gunnercooke, to bring together the skills of corporate lawyers, private client lawyers and mediators, all approaching the issues facing the family business from a different angle, with a view to providing a comprehensive and pragmatic service which is client-focused.

#### **Who she works for**

- Company directors
- Academics
- Accountants
- IFAs
- Lenders
- Individuals
- Personal representatives
- Firms of solicitors
- International estates

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#### **Experience highlights**

- Acting for the executor in the early stages of the Clara Broadbent litigation, in which judgment was handed down by the Court of Appeal.
- Acting for clients with business and agricultural property, which need to be dealt with in relation to Wills and the administration of estates.
- Advising on the implications of the tax changes introduced in the budget as they affect interest in possession and accumulation and maintenance trusts.
- Acting for those with a special interest in advance directives.
- Resealing grants and extracting grants to the estates of those dying domiciled in Jersey, Sweden, Canada and other jurisdictions.
- Drafting deeds of variation to estates of those who died domiciled Poland, Switzerland and in other jurisdictions.
- Dealing with more complex probate matters, including extracting grants de bonis non and ad colligenda grants.
- Dealing with estates including property in Spain, France, Malaysia, the United States and other jurisdictions.
- Advising on trust matters and drafting ancillary documentation
- Advising on revocation of wills.
- Advising in relation to and preparing for inquests.
- Advising on and drafting pension benefit, spousal bypass and life assurance trusts.