

*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.



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#### **Overview**

#### **What he's best at**

Nick is a general private client partner with 17 years' experience in the private client field and 7 years before that he worked in the Foreign and Commonwealth Office so he is used to working with all nationalities dealing with assets in England and across the Commonwealth and indeed the world.

Most clients live and work in and around London and the home counties and he helps them across the board with drafting wills, codicils, letters of wishes as well as the preparation and

registration of all types of powers of attorney with one eye always on inheritance tax planning. He advises on the issues of creating and winding up trusts, and all issues relating to care of the elderly and the protection of all levels of wealth.

His diplomatic service contacts can help when assisting in administering estates with a foreign element. At home he can advise on challenging wills and bringing and defending contested probate actions. Finally, he can advise on living wills, mental capacity issues and assisting with deputyship and other Court of Protection applications.

His aim is simply to provide a friendly and grounded approach to tackling all of today's issues facing families and the difficult issues they face.

#### **Who he works for**

- Accountants
- Business Owners
- Domestic Clients
- Elderly Clients
- Embassies and High Commissions
- Family Offices based in London and St Petersburg
- Financial Planners
- Firms of Solicitors
- International Clients
- Overseas Estates
- Pension Advisors
- Stockbrokers
- Trustees

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#### **Experience Highlights**

- Drafting a will for clients with divorcing and/or unwell grown up children who wished to ensure that various descendants were provided for in the most tax effective manner.
- Advising a family to redirect their wealth via the use of deeds of variation and lifetime gifting to reduce what could have been a substantial inheritance tax bill.
- Administering the estate of a client who died suddenly and intestate (without a will). The estate included valuable property and assets in a few different jurisdictions. Family members had to be traced and negotiated with whilst all allowances and tax benefits were explained to the various beneficiaries given their ages.
- Advising family members after a suicide as to how best to administer the estate and dealing with HM Coroner.
- Advising clients regarding choosing the right executors, trustees and guardians and ensuring that various beneficiary's inheritance would be protected whatever jurisdiction they were living in. Advice was taken to invest, grow and protect funds to be would be invested to protect all parties. Using a vast network of contacts build over the years in the financial services sector.
- Acting during the lifetime of a client to protect a client's objectives to ensure the required results were obtain immediately and not during a will reading.