Wills, inheritance and probate disputes

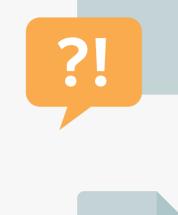
However unpleasant a process it might be, if you believe that you have been denied your legal entitlement to the estate of a friend or family member it is essential that you seek legal advice regarding the possibility of making a successful Wills dispute claim.



member specialists can help you uphold your full rights under the law.

your dispute involves a sibling, a stepsibling, a stepparent or some other party, Oratto's

CONTESTED PROBATE CASES ON THE RISE



Court witnessed between 2008 and 2013

85%

the increase in the number of applications at

London's High Court seeking to have a whole

Will declared invalid (73 to 135)

the increase in contested Wills at London's High



clauses rose from 10 in 2006 to 82 in 2011* *Ministry of Justice figures as obtained by The

10 → 82

Independent newspaper

High Court Will dispute cases over individual

37%



More than one third of millionaire families have

been involved in a contentious Will dispute*

BLENDED FAMILY WILL DISPUTES

*Survey by private bank Coutts

of the landscape of British family life. Inevitably, this has led to a surge in the number of Will disputes and inheritance act claims, most commonly by children of a first marriage

seeking to claim inheritance rights over a second or third spouse of a deceased parent.

families". Families with step children and step grandchildren are now an increasing part

Over recent decades there has been an unprecedented rise in the number of "blended

Such contentious probate disputes can quickly become acrimonious and seeking advice from an experienced Wills dispute solicitor, at an early stage, can help ensure that you receive clear guidance regarding your probate rights and your options.

46% **42%** of marriages of marriages are end in divorce second or sub-





sequent marriages

Office of National Statistics 2012

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One in every 10 children is part of a blended family

PROPERTY WILL DISPUTES

The price of UK property continues to rise, and older generations frequently leave

behind them property that is valued at life-changing sums. This has undoubtedly

dependants greater incentive for disputing a Will, particularly where complicated

been a factor in the rate of Will disputes and contested probate claims in the

In other situations the property may be of high sentimental value, with some

beneficiaries wishing to sell the property and others wishing to keep it in the family.

country, with high property values providing children, spouses and other

family structures such as blended families are also a factor.

£214,000

average value of

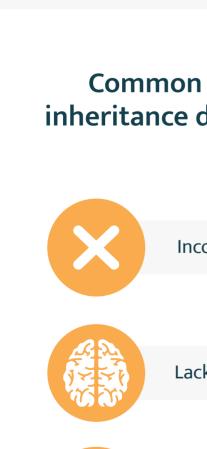
pre-owned dwelling

UK House Price Index summary: August 2016

£489,000

average value of

London property



£295,000

average value of

new dwelling

Common grounds for a successful Will or inheritance dispute claim include the following: Incorrect execution of a Will Lack of mental capacity on the part of the testator



disputes.

Exertion of undue influence on the testator

Furthermore, it may be possible to mount a successful Will dispute claim if you

can prove that under the Inheritance (Provision for Family and Dependants) Act

1975 the terms of the Will did not ensure that you were adequately provided for.

Lack of sufficient knowledge on the part of the testator

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A forged or fraudulent Will

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