

Private Client & Chancery

Legal Update | Week 4, 2026

Introduction

This weekly legal update provides practitioners with the latest developments in private client & chancery. It includes recent case law, news updates, key legislation references, and useful resources for legal professionals.

Focus areas: Wills and probate, trusts, Lasting Powers of Attorney, estate administration, inheritance

This Week's Coverage

- LPA requirements
- Probate procedure
- Trust fundamentals
- Inheritance Act claims
- Estate administration

Recent Case Law

Chancery Division

- Hughes v Bellamy & Ors [2026] EWHC 105 (Ch) (21 January 2026)
Published: 2026-01-22
- Webb & Anor v Eversholt Rail Ltd & Anor [2026] EWHC 101 (Ch) (22 January 2026)
Published: 2026-01-22
- Corallo & Ors v Pinelli & Ors [2026] EWHC 90 (Ch) (21 January 2026)
Published: 2026-01-21
- Hipgnosis Music Ltd v Mercuriadis & Ors [2026] EWHC 82 (Ch) (20 January 2026)
Published: 2026-01-20
- FP Redhill Ltd & Ors v Patel & Ors [2026] EWHC 77 (Ch) (19 January 2026)
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Court of Appeal (Civil)

- Secretary of State for Work & Pensions v NJ [2026] EWCA Civ 23 (22 January 2026)
Published: 2026-01-22
- Hawes, R (On the Application Of) v London Borough of Tower Hamlets [2026] EWCA Civ 24 (22 January...)
Published: 2026-01-22
- Allen v The Secretary of State for Work And Pensions [2026] EWCA Civ 19 (21 January 2026)
Published: 2026-01-21
- Cloisters Business Centre Management Company Ltd v Anvari & Anor [2026] EWCA Civ 17 (21 Janua...)
Published: 2026-01-21
- Bicknell & Anor v NHS Nottingham And Nottinghamshire Integrated Commissioning Board [2026] EW...
Published: 2026-01-21

Supreme Court

- Providence Building Services Ltd v Hexagon Housing Association Ltd [2026] UKSC 1 (15 January 2026)

Published: 2026-01-16

News & Commentary

OPG Blog

- Investigations at OPG

Published: 2026-01-16

- Power of Attorney Stories: Justine

Published: 2026-01-13

- Power of Attorney Stories: Jill

Published: 2025-10-14

- Power of Attorney Stories: Nick

Published: 2025-10-10

- Power of Attorney Stories: Jennie

Published: 2025-10-08

Key Legislation

- Wills Act 1837
- Inheritance (Provision for Family and Dependants) Act 1975
- Trustee Act 2000
- Mental Capacity Act 2005 (LPAs)

Useful Resources

- GOV.UK - Office of the Public Guardian
- GOV.UK - Probate application forms
- STEP - Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners
- Law Society - Wills and inheritance guidance
- HMRC - Inheritance Tax guidance

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