

Today's Wills and Probate Industry Champion

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2021 Nominee - Michael Culver

Head of Private Client, Bolt Burdon

Why do you believe your chosen nomination is a champion?

Michael exudes energy and passion for private client work and is genuinely cares about his clients and the profession. As a Panel Deputy Michael regularly acts for some of the most vulnerable people in society and in my experience fights fiercely to protect them from financial harm. In the interest of his clients Michael is not only a qualified solicitor but also a Chartered Tax Advisor with the Chartered Institute of Taxation and a full member of the Association of Tax Technicians. In addition to being a full member of the Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners (STEP) and the Association of Contentious Trust and Probate Specialists (ACTAPS). His potent combination of legal and accountancy skills enables him to deliver outstanding advice to his clients across the broadest possible spectrum of scenarios. Michael is also the current chairman of Solicitors for the Elderly, promoting knowledge and learning among private client solicitors as well as collecting and sharing views of the organisations membership to campaign for change on behalf of the industry.

Why should the industry vote for this individual?

Michael's academic achievements demonstrate his passion for his clients and the industry. His multi-disciplinary approach across legal, accountancy and tax is aspirational and provides a leading example for others wishing to expand their knowledge in this sector. Michael is also a champion for better client outcomes. He gives his time freely to serve as Chairman of Solicitors for the Elderly, working to promote development and engagement for professionals across the sector. As Chairman of Solicitors for the Elderly Michael is also an active member of the Vulnerability Working Group a collaboration of industry membership bodies campaigning and engaging with financial institutions. Michael has helped collect the views of membership and facilitate a white paper on best practice which is now leading to several major high street banks reviewing their internal processes and customer journeys.

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