



## Contentious Wills & Probate Team of the Year - Boutique

One of the key themes of the last few of years in probate has been the rise of contentious matters. As traditional firm structures change, there has been a rise in the number of smaller, boutique, teams delivering specialist legal services.

The Contentious Wills and Probate Team of the Year – Boutique award recognises smaller, specialist teams of less than 20 staff (including support staff) who deliver technical and service excellence.

Skilled litigators with a proven track record of success, the winning team will demonstrate a diverse mix of skills and experience, taking a pragmatic and personable approach to dealing with disagreements over wills and the probate proceedings that follow. The submission will outline key metrics for success alongside how the firm upholds a sensitive and client-centred approach to dealing with contentious probate issues.

### Criteria

The winner of this award will:

- demonstrate skill and success in this increasingly litigious area of law.
- demonstrate the ability to deliver high standards of service and support to support clients (to include a description of how the team works in the best interests of the client in regard to this area of litigation).
- describe their team approach to working with clients, including how they best utilise the mix of skills available across the team.
- show a transparent and clear approach to pricing and to explaining costs and fees to clients.
- provide at least one short case study from within the last 12 months that demonstrates the team's approach to litigation of this type.

Where possible, provide evidence of reviews/recognition/ testimonials/recommendations.