

Our Philosophy

We enjoy working for our clients and aim to give them the best possible service in the areas in which we specialise.

We are committed to providing:

- A personal service
- A practical and cost effective solution
- A professional approach to your requirements



Through our connections with lawyers and other professionals in East Sussex over the last 20 years we can where necessary draw on a wide range of other expertise to deliver the best possible results for you quickly and at a reasonable price.

We promise to put your interests first

Private client services

Wills
Powers of Attorney
Elderly Client Affairs
Court of Protection
Inheritance Tax Planning
Estate Administration
Trusts

Residential property

Buying and Selling a home
Transfer of Equity
Leasehold Properties
Buy-to-let
Remortgage

Property development

Commercial property
Covenants
Options
Rights of way

Opening Hours:

8.45am to 5.00pm
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Private Client

Helping you prepare for later life, inheritance planning and your legacy

Private Client Services

Making a Will

Creating a Lasting Power of Attorney

Court of Protection

Supporting elderly or vulnerable clients

Inheritance tax planning

Probate and Administration of estates

Setting up a Trust

Deeds of Variation

What our clients say

‘All queries were answered promptly and thoroughly. All staff were friendly and approachable.’

‘Friendly and helpful.’

‘We found the service and overall experience excellent.’

‘Friendly and efficient. Professional and helpful.’

‘Professional and efficient service whilst retaining empathy and understanding’

Our lawyers



Hilary is managing partner and head of the private client team at Hughes Solicitors in Heathfield, East Sussex.

Hilary specialises in advising private clients and charities on issues relating to inheritance and tax planning, Court of Protection advice, elderly care, estate administration and charity law.

Hilary was admitted as a solicitor in 1976 and was a partner at two regional law firms in East Sussex, prior to establishing Hughes Solicitors in April 2009.

She is a committee member of the Sussex Branch of the Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners (STEP), and a member of the Solicitors for the Elderly. She is also a contributor to Jordan's Older Clients Precedents Manual.

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Cerrig is a partner in the private client team with a wide range of experience dealing with wills, trusts, lifetime estate planning, powers of attorney and Court of Protection matters.

Cerrig frequently advises deputies and attorneys, as well as acting personally as a Court of Protection appointed deputy or as a client appointed attorney in the management of property or finances. He is a strong advocate for his clients, ensuring they get the specialist equipment and care they deserve.

Law is a second career for Cerrig, having previously worked in restaurant management for 11 years before deciding to retrain as a solicitor and qualifying in 2008. He gained a few years of experience as a private client and tax solicitor before moving to Hughes Solicitors in early 2012. He also holds a STEP diploma in Trusts and Estates (England & Wales) and can speak conversational German.

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Dee is a partner in the private client team, specialising in advising clients on making a will, drafting a lasting power of attorney, inheritance tax planning, applying for probate and the administration of estates.

Dee gets to know clients on a personal level, building a long-term relationship to offer advice and guidance through some of life's most important decisions.

Dee qualified as a Chartered Legal Executive in July 2015 and joined Hughes in November 2015. Before that she spent four years with a firm in Eastbourne gaining considerable experience of wills, lasting powers of attorney and in the administration of estates.

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Sadvi is an experienced lawyer and is highly skilled in drafting wills, from a simple will to complex arrangements comprising discretionary trusts, property trusts, estate and inheritance planning. She also deals with the administration of trusts.

Sadvi often helps vulnerable clients to protect their interests in a sensitive, caring and understanding manner. This includes the creation of lasting powers of attorney (for property and financial affairs or health and welfare) and advising on issues when someone loses mental capacity, such as registering enduring powers of attorney or dealing with the Court of Protection. Her clients have praised her for providing additional support and guidance.

Sadvi is a member of the Society of Will Writers and is studying to complete the STEP Diploma in Trusts and Estates (England and Wales)

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