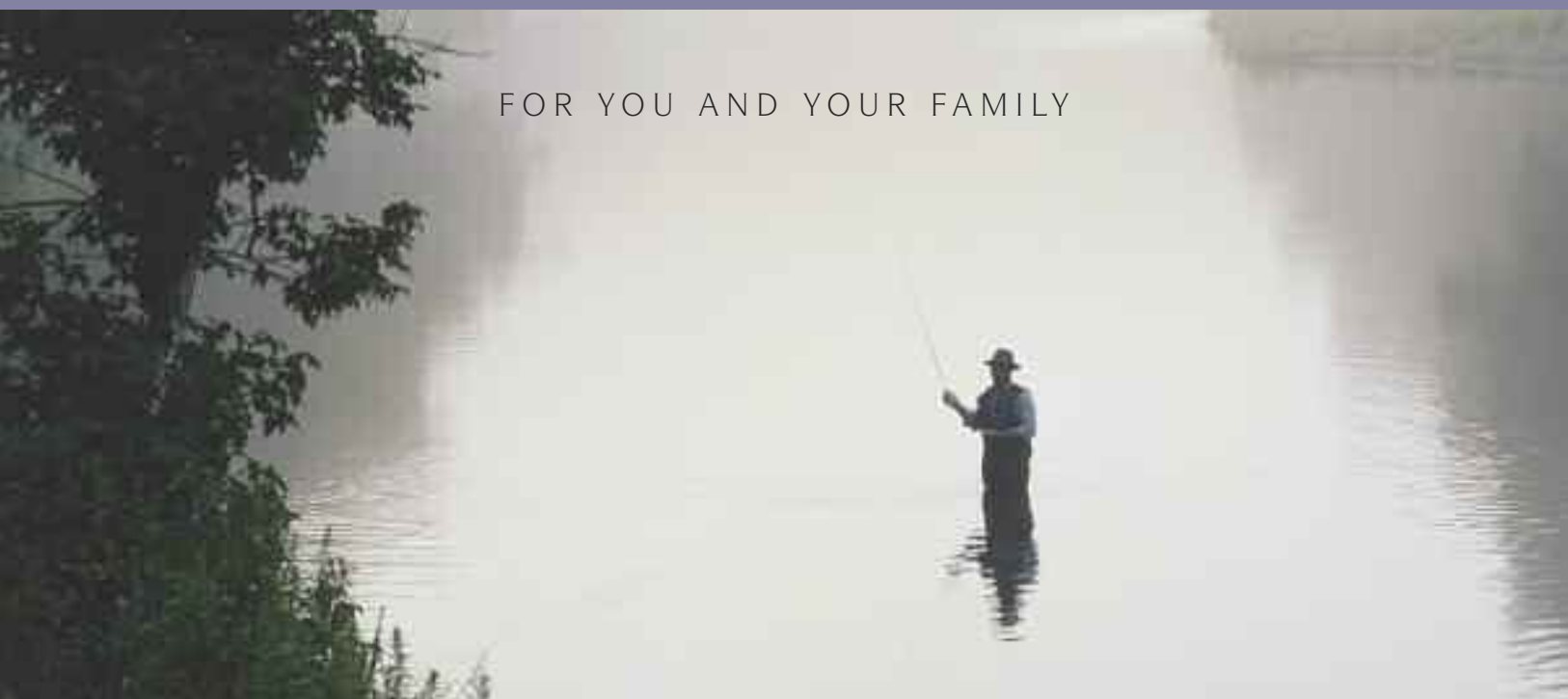


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For 275 years Blandy & Blandy has been a trusted name in the legal profession, protecting the interests of our clients and developing relationships that span generations.

At the heart of our business is the expertise of our solicitors who are renowned for their experience in dealing sympathetically with the most complex and sensitive of matters. A third of our partners are recognised as national leaders in their fields of law and we are one of the most highly regarded firms for private client and family work in the South East.

As a firm we continue to develop and grow but one thing will always remain the same: our belief in delivering the highest quality legal and financial services to provide our clients and their families with peace of mind.

“ **Thames Valley firm Blandy & Blandy has a long and proud tradition in law, but since the start of the millennium, the firm has really hit its stride.** ”

*The Lawyer magazine*

## *client focus*



At Blandy & Blandy we believe in providing our clients with a personal and high quality service designed to meet their individual legal and financial requirements. Our aim is to build relationships for the long term.

We hold the Law Society's Lexcel standard for good client care and management practice so our clients can have confidence that, whether we are providing inheritance tax planning or investment advice, administering a family estate or dealing with a dispute, they will always receive the same high quality personal service from us.

We are one of the longest established law firms in the country, yet we are versatile and progressive. We combine our trusted heritage with a modern outlook, improving our practice methods to ensure that the services that we offer remain as relevant to our clients today as they have always been.

“ **Over the last 20 years, Blandy & Blandy have handled five house sales and purchases and one divorce. In that time the service provided has always been prompt, courteous and, above all, professional. I couldn't possibly think of ever using another firm of solicitors - it's fair to say that I shall be a life-long client!** ”

*Mr C.*

# family



Our Family Team is widely regarded as the leading practice in the Thames Valley and one of the top practices in southern England. We are particularly renowned for our expertise in dealing with the most difficult situations, ranging from sensitive work involving children to complex high value ancillary relief cases and trust, tax and jurisdictional issues.

We offer a sympathetic but no-nonsense approach to both straight forward and complex matters including divorce and separation; ancillary relief and other financial issues; the law relating to children; co-habitation and civil partnerships.

While we will always look to secure the best outcome for our clients we remain aware of the wider considerations in each case and will advise on the most appropriate way to tackle issues to avoid unnecessary confrontation.

All our solicitors belong to Resolution, which commits family lawyers to resolving disputes in a non-confrontational way and the team is experienced in using both collaborative law and mediation techniques.

“ Home to a large and prominent team, this practice enjoys a strong reputation throughout the regions, extending to the London market. ”

*Chambers Guide to the UK Legal Profession*

# *wills and probate*



At Blandy & Blandy we have been looking after our clients' estates for 275 years. Our respected Wills and Probate team has developed a reputation for its technical capabilities and its expertise in handling substantial estates and contentious probate matters.

Our resourceful team is one of the largest in the area and offers a first class service to private clients including landowners, entrepreneurs, business people, executors, beneficiaries and trustees. By taking an individual approach to each client we ensure that every matter is dealt with sensitively and sympathetically by a team member with the appropriate level of experience for the type of work involved.

Our services include advice on inheritance tax planning in conjunction with the preparation of wills and trusts; Court of Protection issues; contentious and non-contentious probate work and the provision of specialist advice to elderly clients.

**The “*accomplished*” team ... is noted for being “*an excellent solution*” in private client matters. It has dealt with a number of multi-million pound trusts and estates, some of which, being contested, were dealt with in conjunction with its probate litigation department. Many of these matters involved dealing with foreign jurisdictions. It is also proficient in court of protection matters and benefits from its successful financial services department.**

*Chambers Guide to the UK Legal Profession*

## tax and trusts



Our partner-led Tax and Trusts team is one of the largest and most highly respected in the region with particular expertise in advising clients with complex finances on all aspects of their wealth and estate management.

Trusts can be used to maximise the tax efficient transfer of assets within your family, to control your tax liabilities, to enable you to make charitable provisions or simply to give you peace of mind that your affairs are in order.

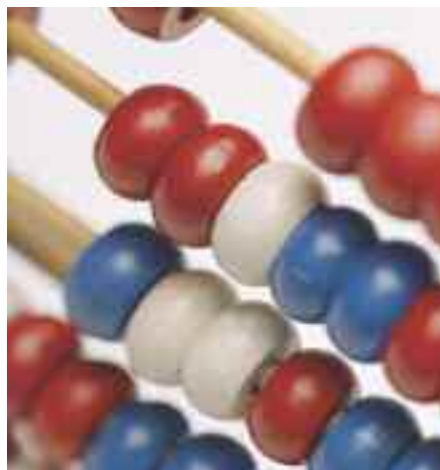
Our service includes creating, administering, amending and winding up Trusts and advising on all aspects of Trust law and related tax issues including inheritance tax, capital gains tax and income tax.

Together with our in-house Financial Services team, we are able to offer a complete Wealth and Estate Management service combining advice on planning and structuring your finances with long term estate and inheritance tax planning.

**Blandy & Blandy has a long-established reputation for private client work...The 'high-calibre' team acts for several multi-million pound trusts and estates, SMEs and owner-managed businesses.**

*The Legal 500*

## *financial services*





Professional advice in all matters is essential but particularly so when financial planning is required, given the importance of finance in our lives, and the often bewildering choices available.

Resolving a client's legal problem may only be part of the solution if there are also financial or investment considerations, for example following a divorce, a death in the family or on approaching retirement.

In response to requests from our clients, we now offer our own independent in-house financial planning service authorised directly by the Financial Services Authority. This compliments our other areas of work and provides the same high standard of professional advice.

Our advisors are all experienced and highly qualified, particularly when it comes to investments, protection, long term care and estate planning. They are particularly experienced at advising clients with complex financial situations.

While our clients' needs may vary, our approach is always the same - clear and comprehensive advice and individual solutions to suit each client.

 **Blandy & Blandy's recently established financial services department adds depth to the firm's wealth management practice.** 

*The Legal 500*

# property



It is often said that buying or selling a house is one of the most stressful times of your life. It is the most important financial transaction most people will ever undertake, so you need to be certain that you are receiving the best legal advice available to ensure everything goes smoothly.

At Blandy & Blandy we have been providing a high quality personal conveyancing service for many years. Our experienced team deals exclusively with residential property transactions - all day, every day. If there is a problem with the property you are buying or selling, the chances are that we will have seen it before and, most importantly, we will know how to deal with it.

Every month our Residential Property team transfers properties worth millions of pounds, from flats and apartments through to executive family homes and large country estates.

**I shall, without any hesitation whatsoever, be recommending you to everyone I know!**

*Mr P, Bourne End*

# disputes



In life (and even after death) there are times when disputes are unavoidable. Wherever they arise, whether in the workplace, at home or during the administration of a deceased person's estate, we are able to pursue and defend a wide range of cases on behalf of our clients.

Our expertise includes probate disputes and inheritance claims; property and landlord and tenant disputes; contractual disputes; employment issues; consumer problems; debt recovery; professional negligence claims; personal injury claims and co-habitation disputes.

We have experience of litigation in the County Court, the High Court, the Court of Appeal and the House of Lords, as well as in many tribunals and other arenas.

While we will always work to get the best result for our clients, we will, wherever possible, look to resolve disputes through negotiation and mediation rather than litigation, to arrive at a quicker, more amicable and more economical solution.

“ A ‘highly professional, very approachable and adaptable’ team at Blandy & Blandy. Expertise includes property disputes, insolvency, professional negligence, commodities litigation and personal injury claims. ”

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