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## **Contesting or Disputing a Will - Contentious Probate** <sup>[1]</sup>

Are you concerned or unhappy with the content of a will? Talk to our Wills team



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If you are concerned about how a will has been prepared you may be able to contest its validity.

If you are unhappy about how the will distributes the estate, you may be able to bring a claim against it as a dependent under the Inheritance Act (provision for family and dependents) Act 1975.

### **Contesting a will can be emotionally challenging**

If you decide to challenge a will, you are in effect opposing the last will of the deceased. This can often affect relationships and heighten emotions, particularly if you are in disagreement with other family members. You should therefore be prepared for what may be a trying time.

### **Top Tier Legal 500 team - Contentious Trusts and Probate**

Our specialist team has been recognised in the Legal 500\* for handling complex cases including multimillion pound estates and some of those involving assets held in different parts of the world, together with smaller estates that can be equally challenging. We also advise on estates that involve complex business structures.

### **What should I do next?**

The experienced team in our Litigation department will explain to you the process of how to contest a will. Your case will be reviewed in advance of any legal proceedings to ensure you are fully informed of the processes involved.

We can assist you with:

- [Contesting a Will](#) <sup>[3]</sup>
- [Inheritance \(Provision for Family and Dependants\) Act 1975 claims](#) <sup>[4]</sup>
- [Claims against executors/ trustees](#) <sup>[5]</sup>
- [Professional Negligence](#) <sup>[6]</sup>
- Starting a claim

For further information, see our "[Contesting a Will](#) <sup>[7]</sup>" publication.

**[Contact our wills team today](#) <sup>[2]</sup> or call us on 0121 746 3360 to discuss your situation in greater detail and whether or not you have a case for contesting the will concerned.**

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#### Links

[1] <https://www.sydney-mitchell.co.uk/services-individuals/wills-and-probate/contesting-will>

[2] <https://www.sydney-mitchell.co.uk/contact>

[3] <https://www.sydney-mitchell.co.uk/grounds-contesting-will>

[4] <https://www.sydney-mitchell.co.uk/inheritance-provision-family-and-dependants-act-1975-claims>

[5] <https://www.sydney-mitchell.co.uk/claims-against-executors-or-trustees>

[6] <https://www.sydney-mitchell.co.uk/contentious-probate-professional-negligence-will-drafting>

[7] [https://www.sydney-mitchell.co.uk/sites/default/files/Contentious\\_Probate\\_and\\_Disputing\\_Wills.pdf](https://www.sydney-mitchell.co.uk/sites/default/files/Contentious_Probate_and_Disputing_Wills.pdf)