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Expertise *e* Experience

Introduction to the firm

With our reputation for high quality and effective advice, Poole & Co is renowned for putting clients and their interests first. You will have full and immediate access to your own solicitor, usually a partner, and be consulted on every step of your instruction.

Our well-established private client practice deals with asset protection, trusts, succession, taxation, estates and agricultural, commercial and residential property. We also offer advice and representation in company commercial matters, litigation and dispute resolution and matrimonial law.

Founded in 1749, Poole & Co has always had a base in Somerset and we now have a London office in Gray's Inn Square – giving us a wide geographical reach to meet your needs, wherever they may be.

Residential Property

Selling or buying property can be a stressful process. To relieve that anxiety, we provide everyone with a full conveyancing service that routinely deals with taxes and duties, registration, rights of access, option agreements, licences, leases and mortgages. We also assist with surveys, searches and setting up trusts of land. We are happy to take instructions ranging from single-room student lets through to country estates. Throughout the process, you will have direct contact with your solicitor at Poole & Co.

Enquiries are welcome on other property matters such as boundary disputes, wayleaves, easements or help with lost deeds, gifts of land, assents on death and inheritance tax planning. We also offer a swift response to questions about Home Information Packs, Tenant's Deposit Schemes and Stamp Duty Land Tax or Anti Money Laundering Regulations.

For more information, please contact
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Wills, Trusts *es* Probate

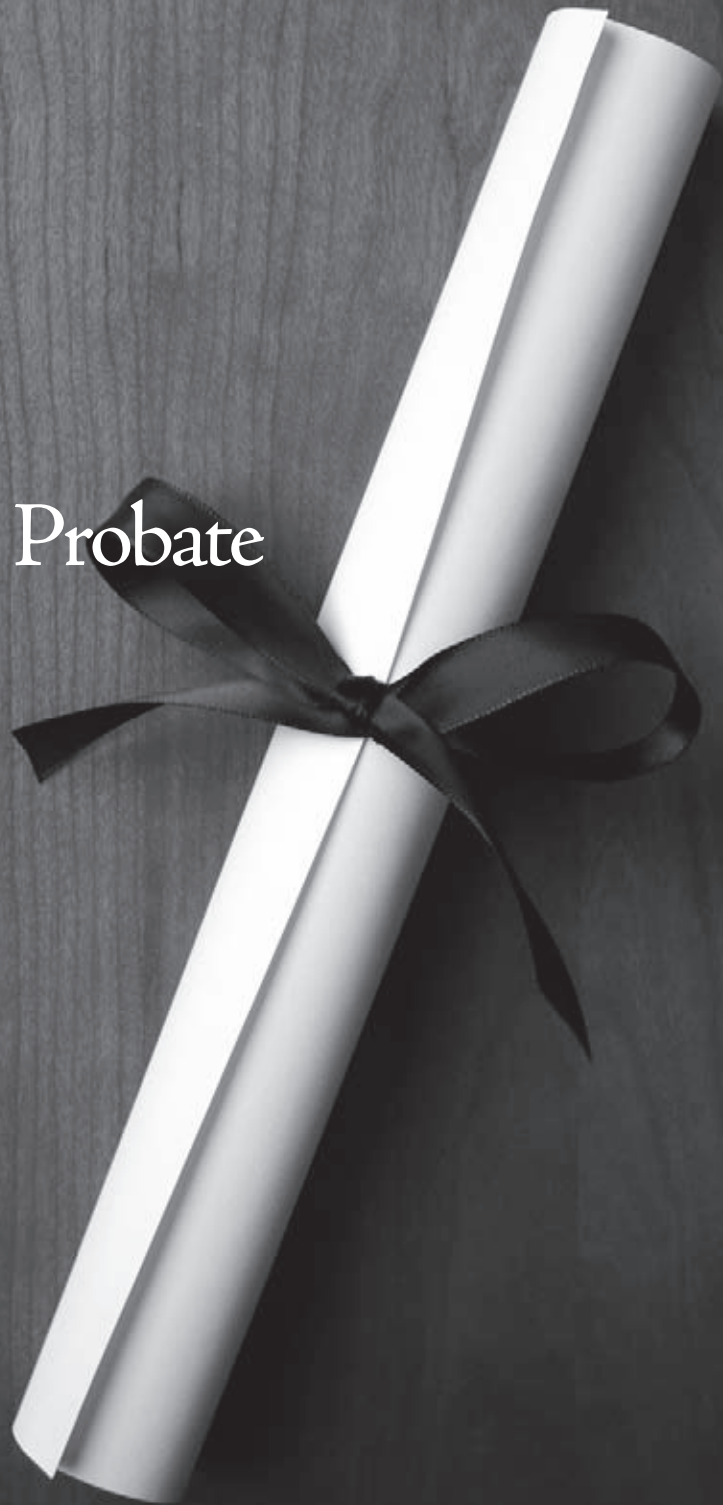
We act for individuals and families looking to retain their wealth, arrange their affairs to suit long-term needs and guide them through this ever-evolving area of the law.

Our instructions often include the need to identify appropriate types of ownership for valuable or vulnerable assets and ensuring that individuals have tax-efficient Wills. We can put in place provisions that offer protection from divorce or future bad luck, and help to maximise the value of an estate passed on in the event of death.

Help is always on hand for executors, trustees and beneficiaries in the administration of an estate. We do not let the bureaucratic probate procedures undermine the personal and sympathetic service required by families coping with a bereavement, even if the matter should become contentious.

For more information, please contact Stephen Forsey on 01460 74401

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Family *es* Matrimonial

We help clients resolve issues that arise following the breakdown of personal relationships. Our experienced family partners advise on the complete process from the divorce procedure itself to negotiations for the financial settlement between the parties. We also ensure that the arrangements for the children of the relationship that breaks down remain at the forefront of everyone's mind.

While we believe that agreement between the parties is the most effective outcome, we will, if necessary take disputed cases to either the County Court or High Court for judgment.

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Litigation *e*

Dispute Resolution

We advise clients in disputes in a wide variety of areas with all the expertise and personal resources required to handle litigation on behalf of individuals and businesses.

Litigation, from landlord and tenancy disputes to professional negligence claims, contractual and property disputes are all dealt with at Poole & Co. We place great emphasis on the early diagnosis of legal and factual issues and the encouragement of better risk analysis and avoidance. Some tasks need an immediate response – such as obtaining a restraining order – while others benefit from longer preparation and a detailed understanding of complex underlying factors.

Unlike many other firms, we have our own in-house advocate to represent our clients at all levels of Court hearing.

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Landlord *e3* Tenant

Landlords and tenants – not to mention developers, purchasers and investors – have differing requirements regarding commercial property. Our experience in the ownership and management of leased buildings enables us to meet demands precisely. Whether contentious or procedural, we deliver advice that takes into account your business's unique pressures and helps you reach calculated conclusions.

Some instructions deal with charitable organisations or are involved with public or statutory bodies. We offer advice on ways forward – not always financially orientated.

For more information, please contact Peter North on 01460 74401





Commercial Property

For business owners, the premises attached to their venture is often the most fundamental concern. Irrespective of whether it is an appreciating capital asset or just a question of making the rental payments, we know that timely action and well-evaluated advice are essential in business property management and development.

With our extensive experience in this field we assist businesses with sales and acquisitions, SIPPs, leases and lease extensions. We regularly advise on development potential, Stamp Duty Land Tax, planning applications, dispute resolution and enforcement of covenants and restrictions. We deal with the management of numerous commercial premises in London, the South and the West Country and our offices provide suitable venues to discuss your requirements.

As in all business matters, proper tax and succession plans are crucial. We can steer you through the opportunities provided by rollover relief and business property relief. We give updates on emerging trends and legislation on capital, corporation and inheritance taxation.

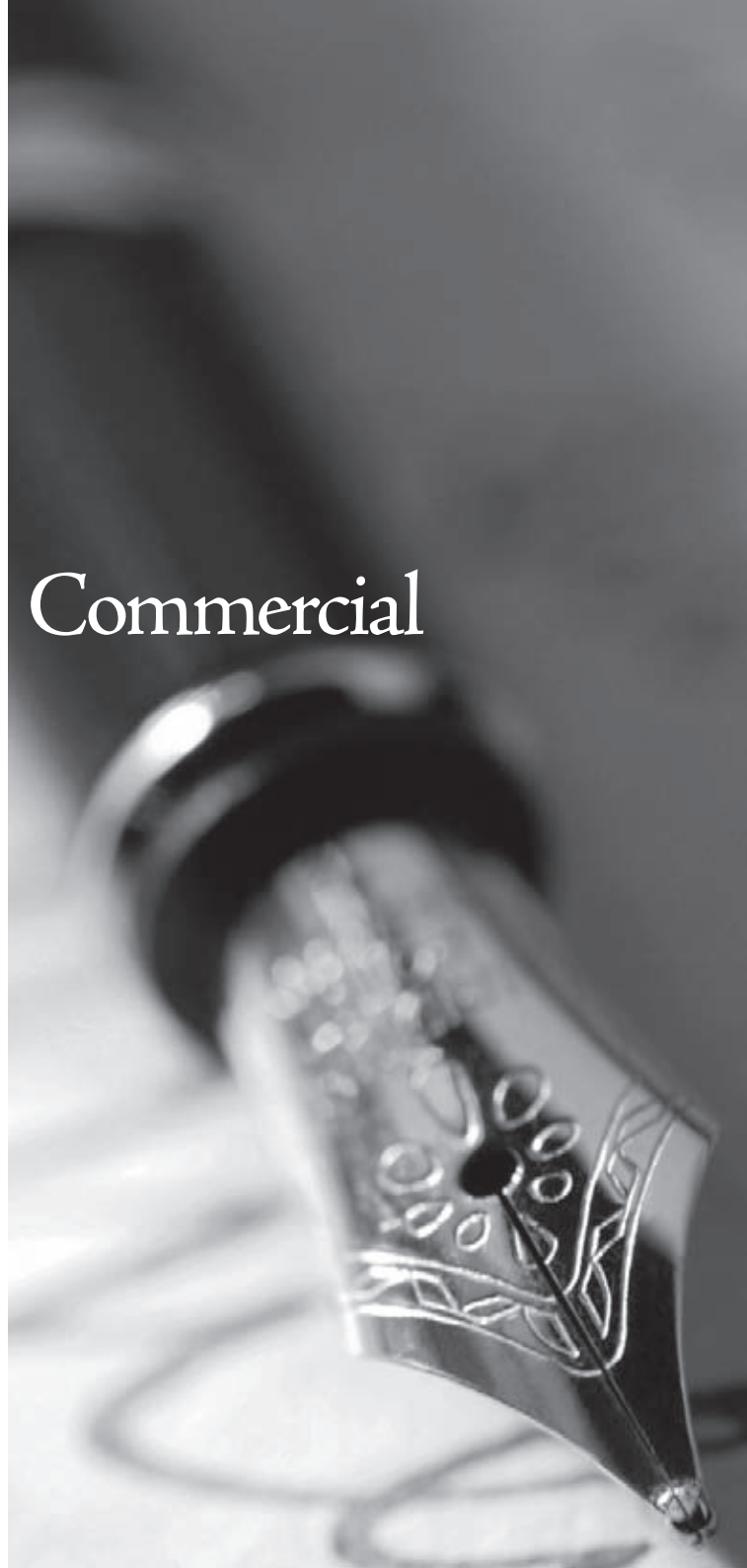
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Company *e3* Commercial

Our arrangement with fellow solicitors at Preston-Rouse & Co in London means we are well placed to deal with all types of company and commercial matters including the creation of companies, partnerships, limited liability partnerships, joint ventures and charities. We also deal with the sale and purchase of businesses, the drafting of company constitutions and the preparation of commercial contracts. We give related business advice such as the hiring and firing of employees and general company matters.

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Agriculture *e3* Equestrian

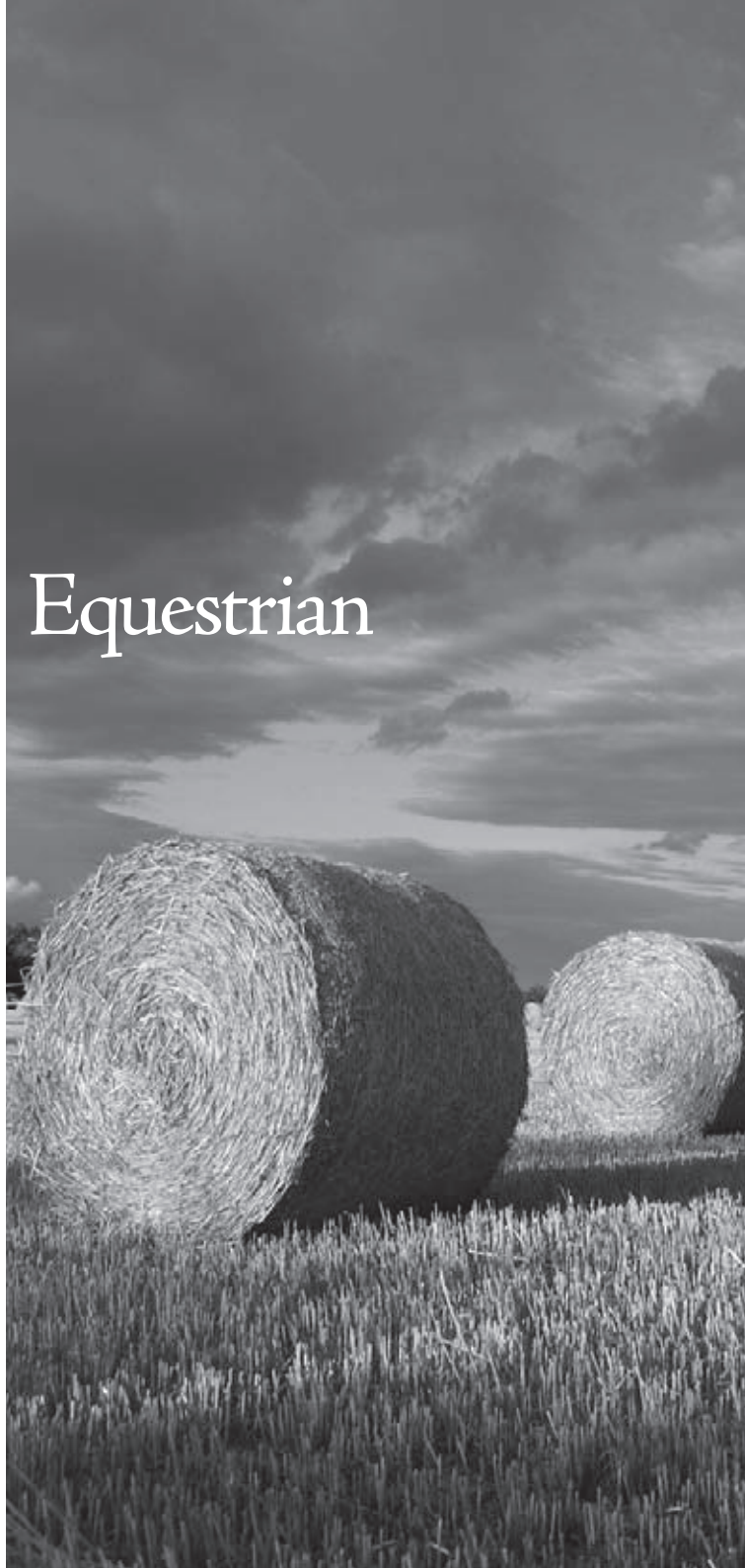
With an office based in rural England, we have a good understanding of countryside issues as well as expertise in this specialist area of law. We keep up with the continuing tightening of freedoms enjoyed by landowners and, as a result, advise on sales of farmland, auctions, FBTs and transfers of going concerns.

Among other topics, we are often asked to comment on agricultural tenancies and succession issues, the reforms to the 1995 Agricultural Tenancies Act, rights of way, boundary disputes, sporting rights and agricultural waste issues.

With the ever-increasing amount of new legislation in this field we have represented claimants and defendants in contentious issues which are breaking new ground and testing the law. Frequently we receive instructions on equestrian concerns, drawing up livery agreements, advising on health and safety matters for shows and events and on livestock or stud claims.

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Employment

Employment law changes rapidly and as an employer your need for immediate advice to help avoid the pitfalls in dealing with employees is well understood. With the boot on the other foot, we also represent employees seeking resolutions with employers.

We would always prefer to negotiate agreements between parties but we will represent you in all types of employment cases brought before the Courts and Employment Tribunals using our in-house advocate.

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We hope you've had a chance to read a little of what we do. Whatever your legal requirements, Poole & Co assure commitment, enthusiasm, individual partner attention and the highest levels of service.

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