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## — Private Wealth —

### Our Services

Druces' private wealth team advises families and individuals on all their legal needs. In particular, we help clients to preserve and protect their wealth, building a legacy to pass on to future generations.

We pride ourselves on being a partner-led firm. Our clients value the combination of the best legal advice and our bespoke, personal service.

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## — Succession Planning —

### Our experience:

We advise families on all aspects of succession planning, ensuring that the family continues to benefit as wealth passes from generation to generation in a tax efficient way.

We offer the full range of services, from wills and powers of attorney to family trusts, tax planning and probate. Our aim is to give our clients – and their heirs – peace of mind as they plan for the future.

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- Acting for UK clients on estate planning issues often involving a complex mix of jurisdictions and assets.
- Working with overseas domiciled families on their estate planning, usually involving multi-jurisdictional considerations and a wide range of assets. The firm has built up a particular specialism advising in cases where artwork is a core asset.
- Advising family heads on plans to leave multi-million pound SIPPs to beneficiaries and dealing with their associated inheritance tax planning in relation to their global estates.
- Helping families deal with the consequences of mental incapacity. Preparing powers of attorney and applications to the Court of Protection.





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### International services

We have a great deal of experience of working with clients whose lives, whose assets and whose families cross international borders.

Our international services are designed to help those clients structure their UK and international wealth effectively. Our aim, typically, is to secure the family's future plans in a way which achieves tax efficiency and brings them peace of mind.

As well as working directly with these international clients, we also work with a range of family offices, acting as adviser to the advisers. We help these family offices navigate the complex legal and regulatory environment, enabling them to provide joined-up and proactive advice to their clients.

Our expertise encompasses the widest range of assets from the personal to the commercial. We regularly advise families on investment portfolios, on

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their business affairs, on real estate and on luxury assets including fine art and classic cars.

For more information on our international services please refer to our International Private Wealth brochure..

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### Our experience:

- Advising a client (UK resident but not domiciled) on the restructuring of their personal investments and business valued in excess of £250m. Simplifying a complex structure of trusts and companies to create a clear long-term plan for the family.
- Advising a member of a European Royal family on taking up UK residence and on the structuring of their investments via a family office.
- Our work in the Middle East includes the preparation of Dubai wills, registered with the DIFC Wills Service.





## — Charities & Philanthropy —

### Our experience:

We advise charities right across the voluntary sector, including religious, animal welfare, medical and educational bodies.

We also advise individual donors and families on the best way to structure their giving and achieve their philanthropic goals.

- We act for one of the UK's largest animal welfare charities across a range of property and governance issues.
- We advised a religious order in relation to a revision of its constitution.
- We advise a broad range of individuals on their philanthropic and charitable giving; we create, establish and run many bespoke family charities.

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## — Disputes —

### Our experience:

We advise our clients on a wide range of disputes that arise in relation to their interests, whether personal or commercial.

This includes advising trustees and beneficiaries in connection with problems involving family trusts. We also handle contentious will, trust and probate issues, including cases where disappointed heirs seek to challenge a will.

- We acted for a widow making a claim against the estate of her late husband. After his death she discovered he had left most of his estate to a mistress of 20 years.
- Acting for an off-shore trust company in Commercial Court proceedings, defending a large breach of contract claim.
- Advising a beneficiary under a will where there was an allegation of forgery.

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## — Property —

### Our experience:

We advise families on all issues relating to UK property whether residential, commercial or investment properties.

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- Purchase of Grade II listed house and four boathouses on the river in Richmond for £7M.
- Dealing with purchases and sales of valuable leasehold property with assignment of statutory notices for lease extensions.
- Advising investors in connection with the efficient acquisition and leasing of commercial buildings in the UK in order to achieve the best yields.
- Acting on the acquisition and management of operational headquarters for family offices.
- Advising on the inter-relationships between properties held and/or occupied by or between a family, its commercial arms and its ‘in-house’ charities

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## Corporate & Commercial

### Our experience:

Our corporate and commercial lawyers have a depth of experience with acquisitions, disposals, mergers and other transactions involving private and quoted companies and businesses, across a wide range of sectors.

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- Advising one of the UK's leading care home companies on its acquisition of an English care home business.
- Advising a well known fashion brand regarding its European agency relationship.
- Establishing family offices both in and out of the UK to represent the needs of wealthy families and advising on structuring for investment and asset protection.





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Druces LLP is a City of London law firm advising businesses and private clients. Founded in 1767, the firm cherishes its heritage while embracing the highest modern standards in all that it does.

The firm operates on a four practice group model (private wealth, corporate and commercial, dispute resolution and property) but places a strong emphasis on core sectors including family offices, international private wealth, healthcare, property development and investment, banking and finance.

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