

Summary of The Team

Probate

Our team has over 32 years of collective experience in delivering high quality work in all matters relating to wills and estate administration. The team has particular expertise in high value estates and inheritance tax matters.

We have four members of the team who may work on your matter. Regardless of who works on your matter, they will be supervised by Devendra Rampersaud, Director, Sainaz Laloo, Solicitor and Head of Probate and estate administration. Our team:

Devendra Rampersaud – Solicitor

Devendra is the owner and Director of Guardian Solicitors and has over 12 years' experience in private client work, specialising in wills and probate. Devendra has been working in this area since he qualified and has helped thousands of families and individuals. Devendra read Law at Brunel University and completed his training contract at Barnes and Partners.

Sainaz Laloo – Head of Department

Sainaz qualified as a solicitor in 1999, read Law at London Guild Hall University Law. She completed her training contract at Evershed and worked at different firms before moving on to join our firm in 2017. Sainaz has been working in this area since he qualified and has helped thousands of families and individuals.

Sainaz has also completed several professional development courses in probate and estate administration.

Paula Arnold – Senior Legal Assistant

Paula Arnold has been working as legal assistant in Probate since 2006 and has worked for various firms. Paula joined the Guardian Team in 2017 and is particularly skilled at dealing with all aspects of estate matters, having dealt with over one thousand estates since 2006.

Conveyance Department

Vicky Sinclair

Vicky has worked in Potters Bar for 14 years and qualified as a Licenced Conveyancer in 2010.

During her time in Potters Bar she has developed a strong working relationship with many of the local estate agents.

Vicky also prides herself in the high standard of client care she offers her clients and dealing with matters in a manner which is acceptable and practical.

Rima Rampersaud

Rima has been a member of the property team for over 4 years. Rima not only brings 12 years' experience as a conveyancing specialist but also a large client following.

She takes pride in the client loyalty that she has built up as a result of her outstanding service, saying customers often switch legal firms to continue working with her. Only recently, she says, she completed a difficult transaction involving a complex commercial issue. "The client sent me some really beautiful flowers with the words 'You've got a client for life now!'"

'Readily available on the phone'

"I try to take a practical approach, be as informative as possible, and be readily available on the phone," she says. "I see no point in holding onto a transaction; I try to get things done as quickly as possible." She says that estate agents appreciate the way she works; she is proactive and quickly determines how to best solve an issue.

Rima began her first job as a legal assistant in 2000 when she started training as a conveyancing executive. She took a break for four years to work as director of legal operations for a claims management firm before returning to conveyancing as a locum and then joining Guardian Solicitors in December 2014. She read computer science and economics at Manchester Met University.

Rima believes the key challenge in conveyancing is holding together the "chain" of property transactions often necessary before a house sale or purchase. She says that, although her client may be ready to exchange, others in the chain may not be: "I have to manage my client's expectations and bring in a sense of reality."

Her motivation is knowing she is making a difference: "The clients may be a bit nervous and they rely on us to give them the service to get there in the end."

Interests: Travelling and immersing herself in different languages and cultures; building up the business

Angela Demetroudi

Angela joined Guardian Solicitors after qualifying as a Solicitor in September 2018 to work in the Conveyancing department. Angela went to Hertfordshire University where she majored in Law and minored in Philosophy, she then went on to the University of Law in Bloomsbury where she completed her Legal Practice Course in 2013.

Angela finds her motivation in helping people and providing a high quality of client service.

Litigation and Family Department

Maxine Madderson

A specialist in residential conveyancing, commercial conveyancing, civil litigation and employment law. Maxine takes on a wide-ranging caseload including residential and commercial sales and purchases, building and contractual disputes, contentious probate, debt actions, employment matters from Settlement agreements and tribunal matters and property issues such as neighbour and boundary disputes and service charge claims for tenants and landlords.

After leaving university having studied Modern Languages, Maxine undertook her legal training with a niche London practice before setting up her own law firm in Hertfordshire in 2002.

'Mediation works in nine out of 10 cases'

Maxine is also an accredited mediator, believing strongly in resolving issues before getting to court. In her experience, she believes that "mediation leads to a far better outcome in terms of time, stress and money than litigation". She states that "where people want to retain relationships, parties can walk away from mediation having resolved their dispute with their relationship intact". She proposes mediation very early in any dispute and has found that 90% of cases using mediation reach a satisfactory resolution.

"I take great pleasure in helping people get a satisfactory outcome, whether it be through through litigation or mediation and I like to believe that in doing so, I have made a difference in the client's life"

Shane Taylor

Shane is a Trainee Solicitor currently sitting within the Family and Litigation department.

Shane supports the department in all areas of litigation, including contract disputes, contentious probate, misrepresentation, professional negligence, boundary and trespass. Shane also assists the team with all aspects of family law, including divorce, high net worth financial disputes, nuptial agreements and children matters. As well as providing support, Shane also manages his own matters.

Shane studied Law at the University of Hertfordshire and recently passed the Legal Practice Course together with a Masters in Law.

In Shane's free time he enjoys playing cricket at club friendly level, although he has previously represented his district and county. He also enjoys tennis, football, swimming, motorsport racing and going to the gym.