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## INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATOR SERVICES - From Helen Freely

- **Branch Austin McCormick is a full-service law firm based in Mayfair**, with a team of experienced, specialist lawyers who take a personal approach to every case. We combine deep legal expertise with a genuine commitment to getting the best outcome for our clients.
- The firm is small enough to have a personal approach, whilst offering a wide range of services, including:
  - Corporate and Commercial
  - Immigration
  - Dispute Resolution
  - Employment
  - Family and Divorce
  - Property
  - Wills and Probate
- **Helen Freely is a consultant in the private client department.** Her background and specialisms include Wills, probate (including UK and foreign domiciliary estates), trusts, court of protection, lasting powers of attorney, tax planning, and charity law.
- She is a member of the **Association of Contentious Trust and Probate Specialists (ACTAPS)**, **Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners (STEP)**, **Association of Lifetime Lawyers** (formerly Solicitors for the Elderly), **Mencap**, **The Thomas More Society**, and the **British German Jurists Association**.

### Known to be a 'highly trusted adviser'

- Helen has for many years been commended in Legal 500 for her work in the categories of 'contentious trusts and probate', 'non-contentious trusts and probate' and 'charities'.

### Reported cases include

- Eade v Hogg [2021] EWHC 1057. Acted successfully for the widow in this rectification / construction case
- Clark v World Wildlife Fund & Others [2011] WTLR 961. Acted as independent administrator.

### Expert status and experience

- As a trusted expert, Helen has written articles for the Financial Times, Daily Telegraph and appeared on BBC TV and Radio to discuss a range of private client topics.
- Helen speaks fluent German and has experience taking on cases with German, Austrian or Swiss elements.

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### **Helen Freely's experience of acting as Independent Administrator includes:**

- Obtaining Grants on credit, first or second Grants to enable her to administer the estate.
- Completing IHT forms and liaising with HMRC in relation to tax.
- Producing regular accounts.
- Seeking Directions from the Court where necessary.
- Selling properties within an estate whether through auction or private sale.
- Dealing with cases with a foreign element such as US, European and other jurisdictions.
- Evicting tenants from properties within the estate.
- Dealing with high value chattels within the estate.
- Cashing in assets / transferring assets in specie.
- Dealing with private family companies.
- Applying to the Court for a judicial trustee.
- Dealing with high value estates (most around £4m-£10m, but some higher).
- Maintaining independence and neutrality throughout.
- Helen's charge out rate is £500 plus VAT.



### **Get in touch with:**

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