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Rajinder studied her law degree at the University of East London, and subsequently studied the Legal Practice Course at London Guildhall University. She then travelled the US before joining Daybells solicitors where she trained and qualified as a lawyer remaining there for six years. Following the birth of her two children she worked for a number of firms in North Kent for over two decades. She then decided to commute back into London and worked for a Legal 500 firm where she practised as a Contentious Probate lawyer for over four years.

Rajinder joined Pinney Talfourd as a Senior Associate in the **Contentious Wills and Probate** department in 2024 where she has support from trainee solicitors and other support staff.

EXPERTISE

With over two decades of experience in the legal field, Rajinder has honed her skills as a versatile lawyer, adept at navigating a wide array of legal disputes. Her extensive background ensures that clients receive top-notch legal representation tailored to their unique needs.

Rajinder's expertise covers:

- **Challenges to a Will**
- **Contested Probate Funding Options**
- **Deeds of Variation**
- **Disputed Court of Protection Applications**
- **Estate Claims**
- **Estoppel Claims**

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- Inheritance Act Claims
- Joint Bank Account Disputes
- Preventing Administration of Estates
- Recovery & Protection of Assets
- Removal of Executors
- Statutory Wills

Rajinder is also an independently accredited Civil and Commercial mediator, Workplace Disputes mediator and an Associate Member of the Institute of Chartered Arbitrators. She also holds memberships with the Civil Mediation Council and the Standards and Competencies in Mediation Advocacy (SCMA). This multifaceted approach allows her to effectively resolve legal disputes, adhering to the court's principle that "litigation is a last resort."

Rajinder has been an Executive member of the Dispute Resolution Advisory Committee at the Law Society for over eight years where she stays at the cutting edge of legal developments. In this role, she assists in organizing events, webinars, and conferences, together with contributing insightful articles that aid fellow practitioners in the evolving landscape of disputes.

Dedicated to the future of the legal profession, Rajinder has also mentored law students and graduates, helping them achieve excellence in their careers. Her commitment to fostering a culture of continuous learning and professional development and a passion for keeping up to date on case law, ensures that her clients benefit from the latest knowledge and strategies in legal practice.

ON A PERSONAL NOTE

In her spare time Rajinder enjoys listening to music, attending music events, pilates and riding her bike.

Areas of Expertise

Contested Wills & Probate

Rajinder 's expertise covers a broad range of contentious probate cases. She is an experienced contentious lawyer handling a wide range of court applications including Inheritance Act disputes (including for children and those in blended families); applications to remove and or replace Executors/administrators; disputes in relation to Trusts and those between beneficiaries and trustees, claims by cohabitants, proprietary estoppel claims, Trust disputes, breach of fiduciary duties by Personal Representatives of an Estate, and those under the intestacy rules.

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Notable Contested Wills & Probate cases

Loss of Home

Acting for a client who lost his partner and home and recovered a lump sum to enable him to start again in his mid 50s.

Financial Abuse

Acting for clients challenging financial abuse of a parent's monies by another, and recovering them.

Fraudulent Calumny

Acting for clients whose Wills were challenged on grounds including that of mental capacity, fraudulent calumny, undue influence, non compliance of the formal requirements to create a Will, and or questioning the deceased's knowledge and approval of the contents of their Will, and that of fraud.

Representing Minors in Estate Claim

Acting for minor children on their late father's Estate where his partner had made a Claim for his house to be transferred to her outright together with a claim for maintenance.

Removal of an Executor

Acted for a client who obtained a Court order to remove his brother as Executor of their late father's Estate for failing to administer it so that he and their sister could receive their inheritance.

Contested Beneficiary

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Acted for a client who was a neighbour and beneficiary of an Estate which was disputed by the Deceased's niece leading to ultimately withdrawing her claim.

Estate Dispute Resolved with Step-Family

Acted for six adult children who had a claim brought against their late father's Estate by their step mother and step brother, leading to the failure of it by the latter and a settlement being reached with the step mother.

Recovered Sum After Home Transfer to Second Wife

Acted for client who recovered a substantial lump sum on his late father's Estate where his home had been transferred to his second wife during his lifetime and at a time of him being of ill health.

Education

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Awards



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