

Basil Dixon, Private Client partner at Payne Hicks Beach features in The Spear's 500 2019 Directory and is ranked for Tax and Trust Lawyers in the "Recommended Tax & Trust Lawyers" list as a "distinguished individual", first published November 2018



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private wealth*

'We're always trying to avoid a dispute, even if you're doing such a basic thing like a will – you've got to be thinking "what are the potential pitfalls in this and how can I plan so that they don't bubble to the surface?," says Basil Dixon. 'We spend all our time with a patriarch or matriarch thinking "if anything happens to you, how are we going to handle it?" It's not something that most people want to think about.' Basil Dixon trained at Allen & Overy and was the first NQ at Maurice Turner Gardner before transferring to Payne Hicks Beach in 2015. Specialising in offshore trusts, Dixon's rise through the firm was meteoric: 'I was made an associate six months after joining and a partner one year after that.' He has particular expertise advising international clients, some of whom have no connection to the UK at all, but also regularly advises on solely UK issues. Matters relating to the establishment and use of trusts and other structures, UK pre-arrival planning, funding UK expenditure, structuring the way in which UK property is held, conflict of laws and philanthropy have all crossed his desk, but it's the legislative changes that have really exercised him recently. 'The last year or more has been hectic as we first tried to get on top of the April 2017 rules and then prepared for the introduction of further new rules in April 2018,' he says.