

Richard Manyon, Dispute Resolution partner and contentious trusts and probate specialist, at Payne Hicks Beach features in The Spear's 500 2019 Directory and is ranked for Contentious Trust Lawyers in the "Top Recommended Contentious Trust Lawyers" list as a "distinguished individual", first published November 2018



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FIRM SIZE *UK*

FOCUS *Complex private
wealth disputes*

'The best part of my job is the satisfaction from really mastering a case and besting good quality opposition,' says Richard Manyon, a partner at Payne Hicks Beach. Since starting at the firm almost 12 years ago, he's been involved in high-value disputes across multiple jurisdictions including England and Wales, Gibraltar, the BVI, Jersey and Guernsey. The cornerstone of his practice is trusts, and all the permutations under that umbrella. He's also well placed to advise in matters concerning inheritance, contentious probate, capacity, undue influence and related issues. 'One could say there's no such thing as a pure contentious trusts specialism – of course you need a complete understanding of how trusts work, but cases almost inevitably involve other aspects such as commercial, regulatory or real property issues,' says Manyon. 'As a firm, we would emphasise our ability to handle disputes regardless of their jurisdictional scope and whether they include complex issues in other specialisms such as privacy, family, tax and corporate.' Manyon is finding that issues of conflicts between duties vested in the same individuals are arising, citing a trustee who is also a director of a plc in which the trust has a shareholding. 'How these duties fit with one another is a largely uncharted area,' says Manyon. 'It takes creativity and hard work to pick your way through complex matters such as these and get the best outcome for your client.'