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Biography



Charles Moore

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Expertise

Private Wealth , Trusts , Probate & Letters of Administration , Private Trust Companies , Wills , Trusts & Private Client Litigation

Charles Moore is a partner in our Cayman Islands Private Wealth team who specialises in both contentious and non-contentious international trust and private client related matters. He advises high net worth individuals and families on the creation of complex international trusts. He is also experienced in relation to applications for grants of probate and the resealing of foreign grants and letters of administration.

Charles' contentious practice includes acting for trustees, beneficiaries, protectors, court appointed administrators and other office holders on a variety of matters, including applications for directions, contentious probate matters, breach of trust claims, cross-border estates, *Beddoe* applications, *Public Trustee v Cooper* applications, Benjamin orders, enforcement against assets in a trust and indemnity provisions.

Prior to joining us, Charles worked in the litigation department with another offshore law firm in the Cayman Islands and Guernsey and was involved in a number of high profile commercial and trust litigation cases. His experience includes attending every day of a 120+ day trial, as well as various interlocutory and appeal hearings on a variety of matters.

Charles is a full member of the Society of Trust & Estate Practitioners and has completed an advanced certificate in trust disputes.

Recommendations

Charles is recognised as a next generation partner (2022 – 2024 guides). Previously, he was recognised as a rising star (2020 – 2021 guides).

Testimonials include:

- "We rate Charles Moore very highly for his wisdom and pragmatism. Charles is gaining plaudits for his litigation work in particular in which his commitment really shines through." He "goes out of his way to assist, is a pleasure to work with and explains complex issues with ease." He "is the partner that we work with most often and he is an excellent business partner who takes the time to understand the client's engagement and concerns. The advice provided is always well informed and considered and the partners are proactive in connecting clients with other subject matter experts that support their needs." (2024 guide)
- "The Private Client team is a pleasure to work with, particularly Charles Moore, who is always available and very approachable. The advice given is always practical and proactive and the team is extremely knowledgeable. They are fantastic business partners." (2023 guide)
- He is "very good with clients, highly responsive and knowledgeable" and he is "going to be a real jewel in the private client disputes world in Cayman: very good with clients, highly responsive and knowledgeable. Time spent with Charlie is time well spent." (2022 guide)
- Legal 500, 2020 2024

Charles is recognised as an up and coming lawyer (2021 - 2023 guides) Previously, he was recognised as an associate to watch (2019 - 2020 guides).

Testimonials include:

- He is "an excellent attorney. I find him to be extremely knowledgeable and client-focussed." Sources also said he is "extremely competent and knowledgeable. His responsiveness is amazing," and he "always has his client's best interests front and centre and gets the result. He has a pragmatic approach and doesn't waste time." (2024 guide)
- "Charles is technically very able and very good at managing client expectations. He is all round a very good lawyer." He "is a class act in Cayman, with great experience and a great manner with clients." He "is a great trusts and private client lawyer." (2023 guide)
- "He is an excellent, well-rounded counsellor who provides extremely responsive service and is always ready with up-to-date, practical solutions to complex issues." This source continues:
 "His professionalism is unsurpassed. He has a passion for his area of work, which reflects in his communication." (2022 guide)
- Chambers HNW, 2019 2024

Charles is recognised as a global elite lawyer.

- Legal Week - Private Client Global Elite, 2019-24

Bar Admissions

British Virgin Islands 2024

England and Wales (not practising) 2023

Cayman Islands 2013

New Zealand (not practising) 2005

Education

University of Canterbury (LLB) 2005

University of Canterbury (BA) 2005

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