



International Probate Genealogists since 1923



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Legal Sector

Solve your probate problems

Partnering Solicitors in Probate for almost 100 years

Hoopers have been offering the legal profession a bespoke service since we were established in 1923. Working with solicitors for almost 100 years has given Hoopers the expertise to deliver the professional and thorough service you are entitled to expect from a genealogy provider.

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Our reputations speaks for itself as we approach our centenary

Tracing next of kin

Hoopers have successfully supported the legal profession since 1923, tracing next of kin effectively and discreetly.

Since our company was established almost a century ago, we've overcome almost every challenge that probate work can present, so we have a good appreciation of the issues that you may be facing. Whatever the problem, we're happy to offer free, no obligation consultations.

ISO

Achieved formal ISO approved status

Hoopers can help you to deal with these difficulties, reducing your caseload. We provide a thorough and accurate service, delivered by skilled practitioners.

A unique and specialist service

With minimal details, Hoopers' trained genealogists can identify next of kin from across the globe. We support all our findings with fully documented family trees.

Referring to the Government Legal Department? Try our free administrator search

At no cost to yourself, we can locate a statutory heir to act as administrator of an estate where the next of kin are not known. This creates a valuable opportunity for firms to gain instruction to act in the administration and helps keep fees within your practice.

Hoopers aim to locate a suitable administrator and secure instructions for the referring solicitor with minimal delay.

Deputyships and the Court of Protection

As life expectancy increases, more people lack capacity to deal with their legal and financial affairs - in such cases a Deputy is normally appointed by the Court of Protection. Sometimes a Family Tree is required if the Deputy needs to make an application for a Statutory Will.

Connect with Hoopers for a free consultation

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Hoopers Historical Timeline

1923 Hoopers founded by Alfred James Hooper

1966 Hoopers taken over by Alfred's son George B Hooper

1980 Hoopers move from St Paul's to Kingsway

1983 The founder's grandson Roger Hooper takes over stewardship

1997 Hoopers moved to Clerkenwell to be near the Family Record Centre

2007 Roger Hooper retires and the existing management take over

2011 Hoopers move to their current offices near the historic Smithfield Market

2023 Hoopers celebrate 100 not out...





The benefit of experience

Hoopers work with many such Deputies in both the private and public sector who value the efficient and discreet service we offer. Typically, a Deputy may not wish us to contact family members in such instances, and Hoopers are experienced at working within these constraints.

Trusted by the experts

Hoopers work with numerous Deputies and members of Solicitors For The Elderly (SFE) and we take a great deal of pride in helping them manage the affairs of vulnerable people. We assisted solicitors with a high number of emergency applications when the courts were prioritising these matters during the Coronavirus lockdown.

“Having worked in probate research for many years, I have been so pleased to join Hoopers as a Senior Manager. Hoopers have specialised as experts in the field of genealogy for over 100 years. As such it is a pleasure to work for such a reputable company who pride themselves as being the ethical choice of Probate Genealogists. The expertise of the staff and desire to solve the most challenging cases both in the UK and internationally speaks volumes to why Hoopers are the chosen genealogists of so many.”

Lauren Harris
Senior Manager



Intestacies

Hoopers can offer the practitioner an expert knowledge of the rules of intestacy. This leaves you free to conduct the administration safe in the knowledge that we will swiftly identify the correct beneficiaries of an estate.

Regional managers

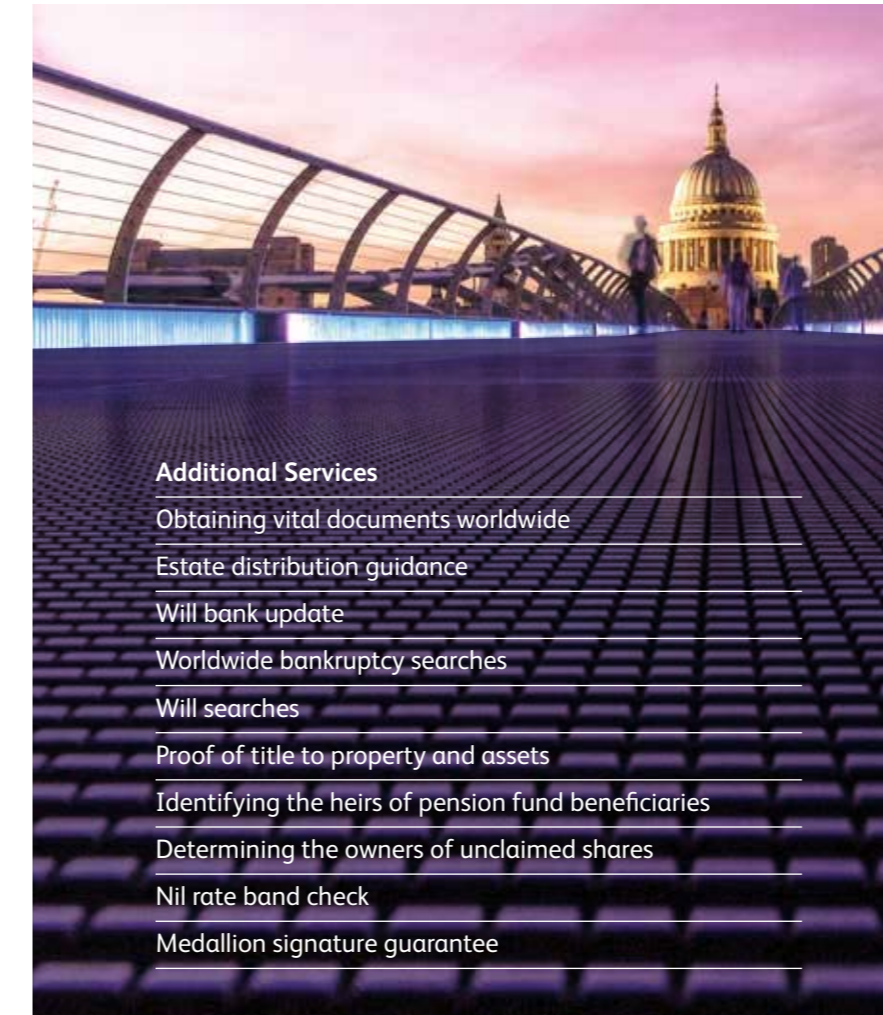
Hoopers has a nationwide network of highly experienced regional managers who can visit beneficiaries in person. Each has undergone bereavement training and an Enhanced DBS check.

Indemnity policies

Insuring against the possibility of any potential claims after distribution is considered to be good practice by the Law Society. Although such policies are no substitute for thorough research, they do ensure peace of mind for the administrator.

Fees

Hoopers offer a clear and simple fee structure to help you manage the complexities of estate administration. As STEP advises, your best option may depend on the circumstances of the particular estate.



Additional Services

Obtaining vital documents worldwide

Estate distribution guidance

Will bank update

Worldwide bankruptcy searches

Will searches

Proof of title to property and assets

Identifying the heirs of pension fund beneficiaries

Determining the owners of unclaimed shares

Nil rate band check

Medallion signature guarantee

Set fee

Hoopers can undertake research at a set rate and to an agreed budget (exclusive of disbursements and VAT), providing regular progress updates, a detailed final report upon the completion of our research and, if necessary, assistance in obtaining indemnity policies.

Hourly rate

Our proven system of regular case reports and rigorous cost-controls ensure the expenses incurred remain under your control.

Join our panel

Every year Hoopers investigates many cases throughout the UK and beyond. Unlike some firms of genealogists we never administer estates internally but always recommend the instruction of an independent firm of solicitors. We usually recommend a solicitor from our established national panel to our clients. We are always looking to expand this panel, and would be happy to discuss how you could benefit from joining.

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You have a client

Contact Hoopers for your free no obligation consultation

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You have no client

Hoopers locates a potential beneficiary to an unclaimed estate

Hoopers will provide you with a bespoke quotation and estimated research timescale

2

Hoopers contact the potential beneficiary and recommend they instruct you to administer the estate

Having received your written instruction, Hoopers will assign a case manager to oversee research

3

Hoopers will provide all relevant information and documentation for a Grant application

Hoopers' research continues alongside estate administration

4

Solicitors now in receipt of Grant, Hoopers' research continues alongside estate administration

We provide you with our family tree, final report and supporting certificates

5

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No obligation indemnity policies arranged on request

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No obligation indemnity policies arranged on request

Estate distribution guidance, if required, and final distribution

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