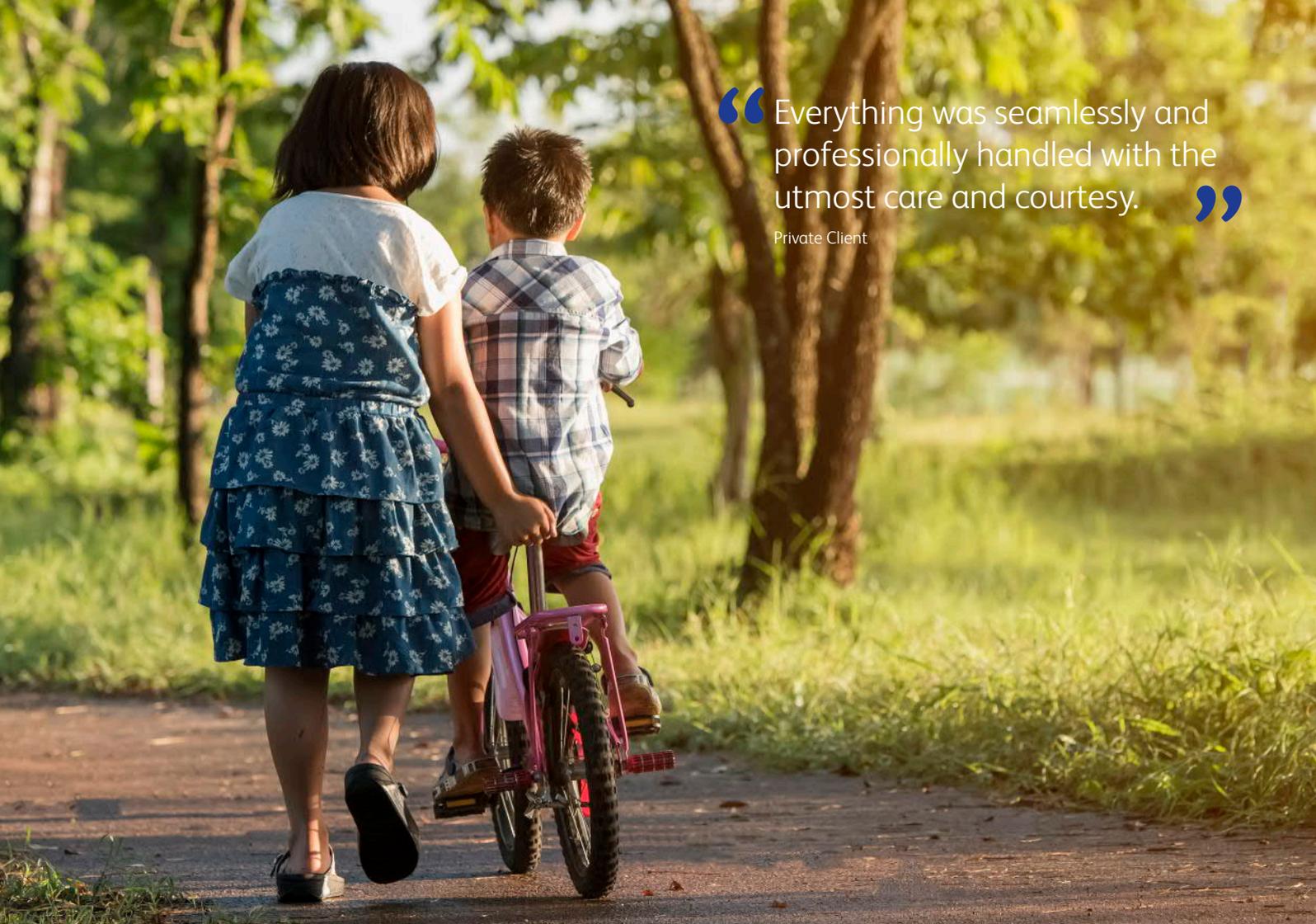


Brachers

Services for individuals and families



A law firm that is with you all the way



“ Everything was seamlessly and professionally handled with the utmost care and courtesy. ”

Private Client



About us

Brachers is an award winning law firm with lawyers who can provide valuable support to clients and their families. We work to the highest standards to ensure that your priorities are understood and acted upon.

Expertise

Our specialists will work with you to achieve the best outcome for you and your family. Whether it's advice on planning for your future and protecting your legacy, buying a property or preserving your assets following a relationship breakdown – we're here to help.

Wills, Tax, Trust & Probate

Wills

We can ensure you have a properly drawn up Will that enables your estate to be dealt with according to your wishes. Whatever your situation you will benefit from having a Will drafted to address your individual circumstances and protect your dependants and assets should something unexpected happen.

Trusts

We can advise you on all aspects of setting up trusts and administer them on your behalf. We can act as professional trustees of your trust dealing with affairs according to your wishes, or provide advice to trustees about their powers and duties including those under the Trustee Act 2000. We also deal with all aspects of trust taxation and the relevant reporting requirements.

Court of Protection

Our legal specialists have many years' experience advising and acting for individuals who lack the capacity to make decisions about their own affairs. We are well versed in applications to the Court of Protection for an individual to be appointed to act on behalf of a vulnerable person. We can also act as a professional deputy for a vulnerable person or provide guidance to family members acting as deputies.

Probate & Estate Administration

If a family member or friend has died we can assist you with probate and help administer the estate. We realise that this will be a very difficult time and that you will probably have many unanswered questions, so you may find it helpful to come and talk it through with one of our approachable team members.



Tax Planning

Our tax specialists can give advice on all aspects of lifetime capital tax planning and inheritance tax. We can help you protect your assets and plan for the future, making sure that you minimise your own and your heirs' tax liabilities. We can also assist with your personal tax returns.

Lasting Powers of Attorney

Our specialist team takes the time to understand your circumstances before helping you to decide on whether to sign an LPA. There are two types of LPA: one for property and financial affairs which covers protection and management of your finances, and one for health and welfare that covers decisions about your personal welfare and medical care. We can draw up lasting powers of attorney tailored to your specific needs and wishes.

Family

Divorce, Civil Partnerships & Finance

Our team can help you deal with the many issues which arise following a divorce or separation. In most cases one of the main issues to resolve is the division of family assets and consideration of future financial provision.

We understand that our clients require clear advice and guidance in dealing with and understanding the impact upon them and their family. Quite often cases involve complex financial situations such as family trusts, inherited wealth, businesses and farming estates.

Cohabitee Disputes

More and more people are living together rather than getting married or entering into a civil partnership. We recognise that although matters would be simpler if parties sought expert legal advice prior to cohabiting, particularly in terms of how they deal with their assets and property, this is the rarity rather than the norm and most parties will only seek advice upon the breakdown of the relationship by which stage one party may be in a dominant financial position.

Children

Our reputable team will advise and guide you on all issues relating to children from disagreements relating to contact and residence through to representation in international relocation and cases of child abduction.

Wealth Protection

Our team members are at the forefront in advising clients and their families upon the benefits of agreements which seek to minimise the financial impact and also the legal costs which arise upon the breakdown of a relationship.

We are frequently involved in drafting and working with clients in protecting their wealth, whether this arises following gifts from family members, inheritance, business and farming assets or pre-acquired wealth. We can assist on:

- pre- and post-nuptial agreements as well as
- co-habitation agreements for unmarried couples.

Collaborative Law, Family Arbitration & Family Mediation

We realise that family disputes require sensitive handling and that the court process may not be suitable for all cases. We are able to offer clients the services of our qualified Collaborative Lawyers as well as a qualified mediator in order to resolve disputes. We are also able to advise clients and act on their behalf in relation to Family Arbitration.

Our services include the full breadth of ADR (Alternative Dispute Resolution) to include mediation, collaborative law, acting for you in arbitration as well as round table discussions and traditional court based approaches to meet your every need and requirement.

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Residential Property

Buying & Selling Your New Home

Whether you're buying, selling or managing a portfolio of property, we will help you through the modern conveyancing maze and the wider property market to ensure your priorities are understood and acted upon.

Our experienced team consists of knowledgeable individuals who can help you through the entire transaction from start to finish. We can help first time buyers, property investors, land owners or those simply trying to move house in a chain – giving you efficient and cost effective legal advice to get the job done.

Lease Extensions, Purchasing the Landlord's Interest and Right to Manage

At Brachers we have long experience of advising both landlords and tenants on all aspects of lease law so that the process runs smoothly to achieve a positive result. If you are a landlord we can help you make the most of your investments within the limits of the legislation whether by selling extended lease terms or selling the freehold subject to these leases.

Acting for leaseholders we are always aware of the difficulties of coordinating groups of busy occupiers and remote investor leaseholders. We offer pragmatic and cost effective advice and can often come out to meet you if that suits your circumstances.

Mortgage and Remortgages

We are highly experienced in dealing with mortgage lenders. We are on the panels of the majority of UK lenders and act for a wide range of clients in sale and purchases. We offer a competitive remortgage service and also act for company directors offering security to a lender for a personal guarantee or mortgage charged on their private residence.

Transfer of Equity

If there has been a change in circumstances and the ownership of the property needs to change, we can help you with that. Whether a sole owner wants to add another person to the title or one party wants to buy another out, we can assist you with this and help the transaction progress smoothly.

Equity Release

Brachers can assist you with an equity release mortgage if you have a property where the mortgage has been paid off and you want to release some equity from the property. We have extensive experience working with the leading equity release lenders in the UK.

Residential Tenancies

If you are a landlord who wants to let a property or a tenant looking to rent we can advise you on tenancies and draft the agreement suitable for your needs, particularly where more tailored clauses are needed than in the standard letting agents' agreements, where employment occupancies or licence arrangements are appropriate.

We are members of the Law Society Conveyancing Quality Scheme, the mark of excellence for the home buying process.



Dispute Resolution

Wills, Trusts & Probate Disputes

Our experts are highly skilled advising and representing individuals in all manner of family issues arising from Will, probate, trust and inheritance disputes and always seek to resolve any dispute using the most practical and cost-effective methods.

Professional Negligence, Property & Real Estate, Defamation & Contractual Disputes

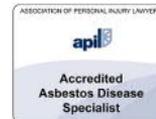
We have a long experience of advising and representing individuals in all manner of these disputes.

Arbitration & Mediation

We aim to resolve disputes through negotiation or can provide alternative methods such as arbitration and mediation, before going to the courts and tribunals if necessary. Our objective is always to place your needs first.

Personal Injury, Industrial Disease & Medical Negligence

On occasion, people do not act with the care they should and sometimes this can cause injury or disease. If you have suffered personal injury in an accident or an industrial disease e.g. due to asbestos, or if you have been a victim of medical negligence, we have specialist teams that can help you get the compensation you deserve.





“ You always do business with people who know what they are about, and if they are warm and friendly then you always go back. ”

Private Client

“ They are regarded as a leading firm in Kent, with longevity, trust and a personal touch highlighted as distinguishing factors. ”

Chambers UK





Employment

We are committed to protecting your rights. Our team of expert and highly skilled employment solicitors are experienced in advising individuals on work related legal issues including contracts and pay matters, bonus, share options and other incentive schemes, restrictions extending beyond employment, confidentiality agreements, discrimination, employment tribunal claims, workplace grievances, settlement agreements and exit strategies.

Farms & Estates

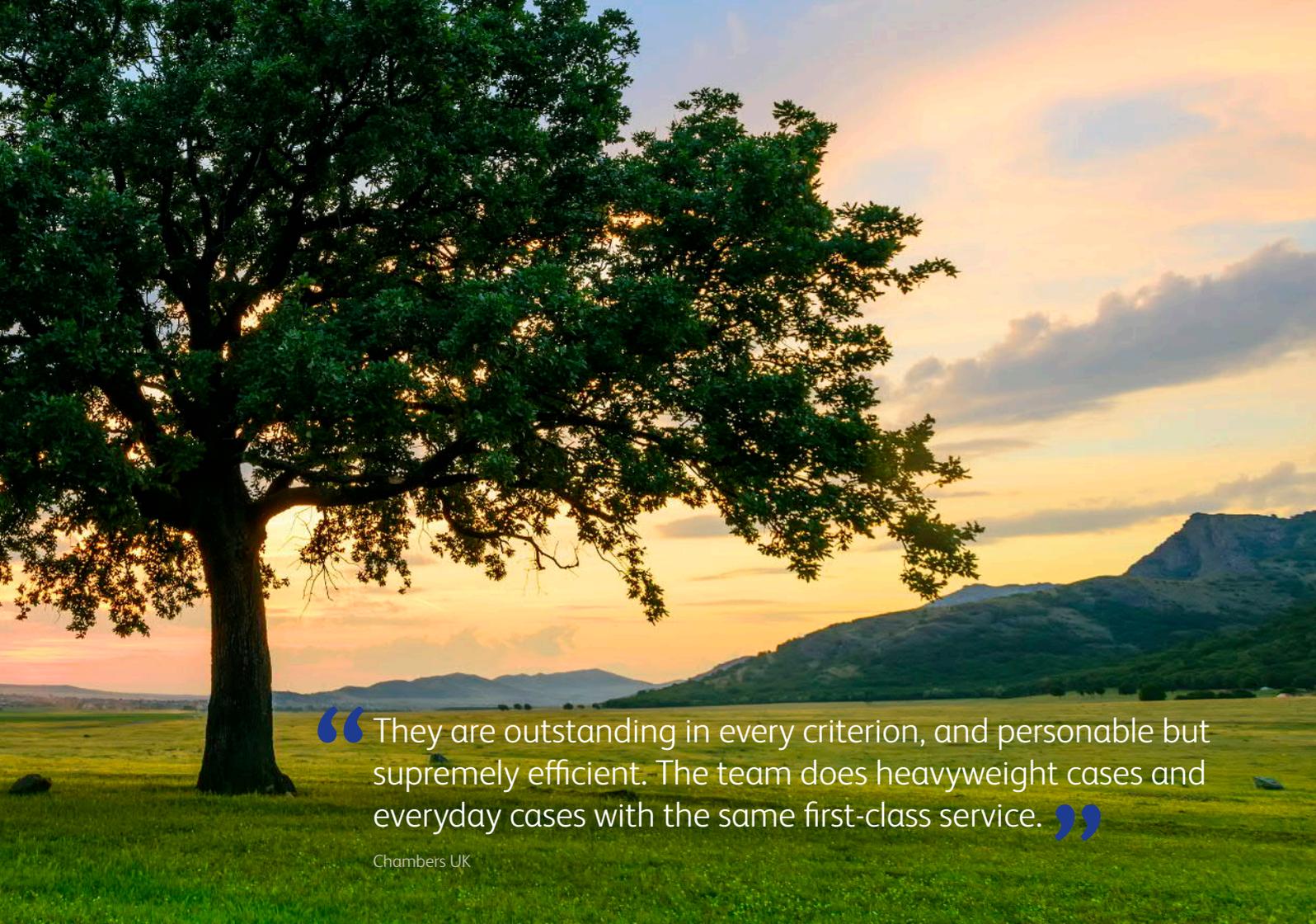
We are one of the South East's leading legal advisers in the agricultural sector, recognised in the leading legal guides to UK law firms. The team includes specialists within our tax planning, Wills and property teams as well as specialists from our corporate and commercial property teams, who combine their expert knowledge of agricultural law, property, trusts and tax to assist our clients in managing and preserving their estates.

Client relationships

Our aim is always to develop long-term relationships that are founded on trust and respect. We want to enable our clients to meet their challenges, whatever they are, and build and grow for the future.

Having been a fixture in the Kent legal scene for over 100 years, as you might expect we have a wide and varied client base. We are proud that many of the families we advise have been clients across two or more generations. We help them both plan for the future and protect their legacy.





“They are outstanding in every criterion, and personable but supremely efficient. The team does heavyweight cases and everyday cases with the same first-class service.”

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Creative thinking



Collaboration & teamwork



Added value for clients

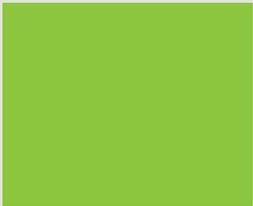
Our people and values

We take great pride in the quality of our people.

We strongly believe in people development and have competencies for our staff, to help them align their behaviours with our focus on delivering value for clients.

With almost 200 staff across our offices, we are proud of the quality of our people and the level of engagement this brings to our work and the relationships we develop.

Creative thinking is an important part of our offering to clients, and collaboration and strong team working internally is behind our reputation for constantly searching out new ways to create value.



Other services

As well as providing valuable legal advice to individuals and families, we offer legal support and business advice to companies and other organisations.



Business services



**Corporate &
Commercial**



Litigation



**Debt Recovery
& Insolvency**



**Commercial
Property**



**Health & Safety
and Licensing**



**Planning,
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