



THE INHERITANCE (PROVISION FOR FAMILY AND DEPENDANTS) ACT 1975 IN THE SPOTLIGHT

On Wednesday 15 March, the Supreme Court hands down judgment in *Ilott v. The Blue Cross & others*, the first case under the Inheritance (Provision for Family and Dependants) Act 1975 to reach the UK's highest court. Penelope Reed QC and Hugh Cumber (instructed by Wilsons LLP) acted for the charities which were the beneficiaries of the estate and who appealed against the Court of Appeal's judgment in favour of the claimant, Heather Ilott.

5 Stone Buildings members are active as advisers, advocates and mediators in this important field of law. We will be providing commentary and opportunities for discussion of the judgment and of other recent developments in claims under the 1975 Act as follows:

WEDNESDAY 15 MARCH 2017 09.45

Judgment handed down at UK Supreme Court. Hugh Cumber will attend and we will live tweet the outcome and reaction to the judgment via @5sblaw

WEDNESDAY 15 MARCH 2017 AFTERNOON

Hugh Cumber will record a short video commentary on the judgment which we will broadcast via 5sblaw.com website

TUESDAY 11 APRIL 2017 8.15AM-12.30PM

Half-day free conference at Royal College of Surgeons, London. **Penelope Reed QC** and **Hugh Cumber** will speak on *Ilott*, **Dr Brian Sloan** of the University of Cambridge Faculty of Law on limits on testamentary freedom, **Miranda Allardice** on changes to the discount rate and capitalised maintenance for 1975 Act claimants, **Mark Baxter** on his recent success in *Roberts v. Fresco* and other members of chambers on the recent appeal in *Williams v. Martin* and other developments under the Act, followed by a panel discussion

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at the conference and for all other enquiries