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Janette qualified as a solicitor in 2007. She is also a qualified member of STEP (Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners) and an Accredited Lifetime Lawyer for the Association of Lifetime Lawyers. Janette has helped hundreds of families in dealing with estates of deceased relatives. Janette deals exclusively with private client issues, approximately 60% of which is in handling probate work. Janette deals with a full range of probate work, the majority of which include complex legal and tax-based issues. She has a particular specialism in advising elderly and vulnerable clients and their families on issues surrounding succession, tax and mental capacity. She also deals with deputyship applications at the Court of Protection.

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Louise deals exclusively with private client issues and leads Ashtons Legal in developing working practices for estate planning and succession. Louise qualified in 2008 and joined the firm in March 2014. She is a qualified member of STEP (Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners), ATT (Association of Taxation Technicians), and the Association of Lifetime Lawyers. Louise specialises in estate administration, Will drafting, powers of attorney, tax advice, and the preparation and management of trusts. Her particular niche is advising business owners, farmers, high net-worth individuals, and people with complex succession issues including the effective use of trusts. Approximately 60% of Louise's work is handling probate work.

Stephanie Lems

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Stephanie is experienced in Wills, Lasting Power of Attorney and Probate matters. She qualified as a solicitor in September 2023. After graduating from Bangor University in 2016, Stephanie spent several years as a paralegal in various firms in the Manchester area before gaining a training contract that resulted in a move to the Southeast in 2021 before arriving at Ashtons Legal in June 2024.

Harriet Richardson

Trainee Legal Executive

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Harriet splits her time between working on Probate (30%), Wills (30%), Lasting Powers of Attorney (30%) and Enduring Power of Attorney registration (10%). Harriet began her career in private client law in 2013. She then joined Ashtons in 2017 dealing with Probate, Wills and Powers of Attorney. Harriet offers a bespoke service tailored to the client's needs as well as knowledge and understanding of the current law and document drafting.

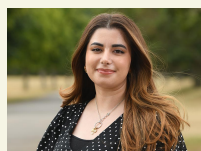
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Fatemeh supports our Ipswich Lifetime Planning team, assisting the Partners and Solicitors in a range of matters such as answering client queries, drafting documents and helping in the running of cases.

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Daniel assists the team with drafting Wills, estate administration and probate, as well as creating Powers of Attorney. Daniel completed his LLB Law degree in 2011 at the University of Winchester followed by his LPC in 2014 at the University of Law, Guildford. Daniel joined the Lifetime Planning team as a Paralegal in May 2024.