



# *Denied your share of a trust? Fight for what's worth fighting for*

"Fight for what's worth fighting for." That is the verdict of a client who has received a six figure sum following a dispute over a trust, thanks to Stephens Scown LLP's Inheritance and Trust Disputes Team.

**S**tephens Scown's client Rachel is entitled to a 25% share of a trust, which was created by her grandmother's Will. Rachel's mother is the trustee and has control of the trust. When Rachel asked for her share her mother refused. Initially Rachel tried to sort things out by herself, but soon realised that she needed the help of a solicitor.

## *"I tried to negotiate myself but was always unsuccessful"*

"When I turned 18, I knew I wasn't going to receive my entitlements. I tried to negotiate with my mother many times and was always unsuccessful. I emigrated to Australia

and when my partner and I started to make plans to buy a home together, I realised what else we could do if I received my share of the trust. That is when I knew I would have to get a solicitor involved," says Rachel.

Rachel instructed Holly Bryan of Stephens Scown's Inheritance and Trust Disputes Team.

"We have engaged in a lengthy negotiation with Rachel's mother which has ultimately led to her mother agreeing to pay a lump sum to Rachel," explains Holly Bryan, a solicitor in Stephens Scown's inheritance and trust disputes team.

"Disputes like this within families are fairly common and it is important that people realise there is something they can do if they feel they are not getting access to what they are entitled to."

## *"I am delighted with the outcome."*

"Holly has been absolutely wonderful. There were a few times where I was really close to backing out because it was a very emotional process. Both Holly and the team were very reassuring and sympathetic towards my situation, as well as having expert knowledge. I am very grateful for

their compassion, it made everything much easier," adds Rachel.

"I am delighted with the outcome. This was the figure I had in mind when everything began and it was blatant that Holly and the team did everything they could to get the best result for me. They made me feel like they did everything in my best interests."

## *"The future is looking brighter than ever"*

Does Rachel have any advice for others going through something similar? "The main thing that was very important for me to remember is that I wasn't doing anything wrong. My advice is to leave it to the professionals. I would not have got anywhere near as close to the outcome I was hoping for if I did it by myself. Fight for what's worth fighting for!" says Rachel.



Holly Bryan, Stephens Scown

Stephens Scown's Inheritance and Trust Disputes Team can help if you feel that you have not received what you are entitled to from a trust.

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