



A WORTHY WINNER

Edwards Duthie Shamash's Anna Orpwood has been recognised with a nationally accredited award for expertise in supporting older and vulnerable people.

Anna Orpwood, who works at the Wanstead based solicitors, has received the Older Client Care in Practice (OCCP) Award, which distinguishes lawyers who provide specialist legal care and support to older and vulnerable clients, their families and carers.

It also grants full accredited membership to Solicitors for the Elderly (SFE), an independent, national organisation of professionals, such as solicitors, barristers, and chartered legal executives, committed to providing the highest quality legal advice on specialist areas, such as wills, powers of attorney and elder abuse.

To achieve the award, all applicants are required to undertake an assessment, to demonstrate good understanding of the specific needs and considerations required when safeguarding and protecting older clients' interests.

'I am delighted to have attained recognition in this field. It is so important to provide specialist legal advice for areas such as Wills, Lasting Powers of Attorney and Probate matters,' Anna Orpwood says. 'Clients need to feel confident in their advisor's ability and at ease with them.'

Lakshmi Turner, Chief Executive of SFE, adds: 'We recommend people always use specialist legal advice when planning for later life, and SFE is the gold standard for solicitors and chartered legal executives advising on older client law.' He continues, 'The OCCP Award ensures lawyers provide the best advice to older people and their families, guiding them through



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ABOVE LEFT:
Anna Orpwood has received the Older Client Care in Practice (OCCP) Award

ABOVE RIGHT:
Anna is an expert in providing specialist support to older clients and their families

the different legal processes sensitively.'

Anna is able to assist clients with all aspects of personal planning. This includes:

- Lasting Powers of Attorney
- Making a Will
- Tax planning
- Asset preservation
- Probate
- Court of Protection
- Elder abuse

Anna has been with the firm for almost 20 years. She is the youngest Equity Partner within the firm and heads up the Private Client department and Wanstead office. Anna carries out home

visits or care home visits for those unable to travel to one of the firm's offices. ■

For more information or advice on Wills, Lasting Powers of Attorney or Estate Administration, contact Anna Orpwood on 0208 514 9000 or at Anna.Orpwood@edslaw.co.uk

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