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PRIVATE CLIENT TEAM OF THE YEAR

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IRWIN MITCHELL

Ros Bever

VICTORY IN THE COURT OF APPEAL IN A HEADLINE CIVIL PARTNERSHIP DISPUTE

Another year, another landmark litigation win: Bever achieved victory in the headline case *Roocroft v Ball*, with the Court of Appeal ruling that Roocroft had the right to argue for her civil partnership dissolution settlement to be set aside, the first case to consider the discovery of non-disclosure of assets following the death of one of the parties.

The judgment in *Roocroft* was handed down a year after Bever was also successful in the Supreme Court representing two wives – Varsha Gohil and Alison Sharland – who challenged their divorce settlements after their husbands were found to have misled them significantly regarding their wealth.

Says the client: 'Many hurdles have been thrown our way but Ros was never deterred.'

HIGHLY COMMENDED

CHARLES RUSSELL SPEECHLYS

Andrew Cameron

Part of one of the largest private client practices in Europe, the firm's private property team has live work valued at close to £2bn, making it a market leader in the private residential property sector. Key matters include a £120m project in Buckingham Gate, a £400m development project at Park Crescent West and residential property work at Battersea Power Station.

HARBOTTLE & LEWIS

David Scott

Financial performance at this entrepreneurial firm has been impressive of late, aided significantly by the expansion of its private client

department through the recent hire of Lee & Thompson's family team. The firm's increasing prominence in the private client segment won it a new multi-family office client in 2015, which resulted in 46 new engagements and £2.3m in fees during the first year.

McDERMOTT WILL & EMERY

Ziva Robertson

As a standout matter for a team that advises several clients occupying the *Forbes* and *Sunday Times* rich lists, the firm acted for the beneficiary of a series of trusts in a breach of trust claim against a Bahamian trustee. The case involved the beneficiary and other family members seeking disclosure of their personal data under the Data Protection Act.

STEPHENSON HARWOOD

James Quarmby

While team leader Quarmby gained national recognition for his considered media defence of offshore trusts during the Panama Papers fallout in 2016, the team has advised on a series of major international matters, including representing an ultra-high-net-worth individual and family on estate and succession planning issues.

WITHERS

Filippo Noseda

This heavyweight private client specialist increased revenues by more than 20% in 2015/16 on the back of the significant expansion of its international practice, opening six new offices in two years.

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Congratulations to Irwin Mitchell, winner of the Private Client Team of the Year Award.
Exceptional effort, well rewarded.

