



In Private

Welcome to the fourth edition of Fladgate's In Private

This issue shines a spotlight on vulnerability - how it's recognised, supported and safeguarded across the private client landscape. From emotional resilience to the risks of travelling with household staff, we explore the legal and human challenges that arise when clients are at their most exposed, and look at what it really means to protect those who may not always be able to protect themselves.



Two Minutes With... Michael Mylonas KC

Leading Court of Protection silk Michael Mylonas KC sat down with [Simon Goldring](#) to reflect on his landmark cases and the responsibility of advocating for those who can't always speak for themselves. Michael shares the realities of acting with compassion in life-altering moments.

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Let's talk Lasting Powers: Reflections of an attorney

[Helena Luckhurst](#) and Alicia Sprott reflect on their personal and professional experiences of acting as attorneys with an LPA. From choosing the right people to dealing with family dynamics, they explore the emotional and practical realities behind this complex role.

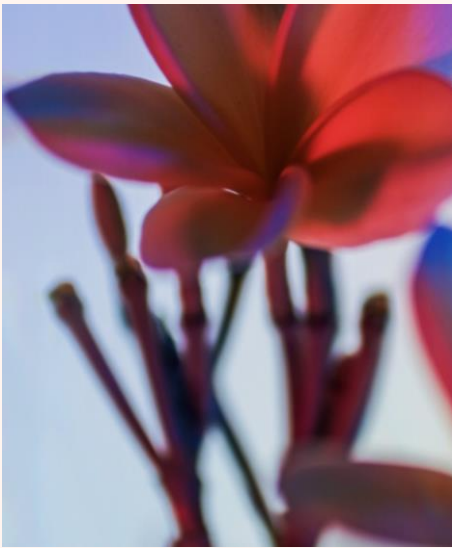
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Predatory marriage: a hidden threat to the elderly

Predatory marriage is on the rise, with financial abusers targeting vulnerable individuals for personal gain. [Rosaling Hetherington](#) and [Rebecca Christie](#) explore how these marriages undermine Wills, and what reforms are on the horizon to protect victims and their families.

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Keeping up with capacity

As the Law Commission pushes for reform, [Emily Williams](#) and [Bethany Brand](#) explore the shifting landscape of mental capacity - across gifting, Wills, LPAs, marriage and litigation. Most importantly, practitioners must navigate both statute and case law to ensure clarity and consistency.

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AI in the courtroom: tool or trap?

From fake case law to struck-out appeals, AI misuse in legal proceedings is growing. [Kitty Brockbank](#) and [Joel Seager](#) review recent cautionary tales - including a solicitor citing 25 false authorities - and offer guidance for avoiding the same mistakes.

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We all learn differently: Neurodiversity in family proceedings

The Family Justice Council's latest guidance calls for better support of neurodivergent clients. [Catherine Costley](#) and [Shivani Kera](#) explore how tailored communication, flexibility, and sensitivity can help practitioners remove barriers and secure better outcomes.

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Travelling with your entourage: convenience or possible compliance nightmare?

With the season's social calendar in full swing, wealthy families arriving in the UK with personal staff risk breaching visa rules and employment laws. [Antonia Torr](#) and [Phong Ma](#) explain the pitfalls including reputational damage - and how to stay compliant.

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Two Minutes With... Kate Bright

Kate Bright, CEO of UMBRA International, met with Walgate's [Sarah Haile](#) to explain why emotional security is just as vital as physical, digital and reputational protection. Kate shares practical tools for supporting clients through major life transitions and how resilience shapes better decision-making.

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Fladgate charity: Grief Encounter

One of Fladgate's chosen charities is [Grief Encounter](#), which helps bereaved children, young people and their families manage the impact of the death of someone close. We wanted to take this opportunity to share their [Patrons' Update](#), as well as a link to their [Just Giving page](#).

In the next issue...

In our next quarter, we're taking a slightly different approach focusing on "the psychology of...". In the edition, we will explore how topics such as wealth, disputes and tax are impacted by complex psychological considerations which underpin people's decision making.

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