

Recommendations

Did you know that, for every client you introduce to East Devon Law, you will receive a 10% loyalty discount? This can be used by you or any member of your immediate family. There is no limit to the number of discounts you can receive and no time limit on when you receive the benefit.





Settling in to Cadhay

We are settling in well to our offices in the Old Dairy at Cadhay House, Ottery St Mary and we have recently taken over a larger office space to cope with the expansion in our services. Our offices offer clients ample free parking, easy access and a ground floor meeting room. Our office phone number is 01404 515427 and our old number, 01392 458658, is used now for our out-of-hours service. We look forward to welcoming you to our office or we can, of course, visit you at home if it would be helpful.

Supporting local charities

We have made a big contribution to this year's Hospiscare Will Writing Fortnight, raising a fantastic $\pounds 2,200$ to support the important work of the hospice. During the Fortnight, local law firms help people to prepare for the future by writing or updating their wills then, rather than paying the firm, they make a donation to Hospiscare. Ian Hunt, Managing Partner, said that he was delighted that our clients have been so generous. Also, over £14,000 has been raised for Devon Air Ambulance since 2015.



National recognition

After his success in the national CILEx Awards last year, Managing Partner, Ian Hunt, was awarded a 'Highly Commended' certificate this year in the Joyce Arram Award for Advancing the Legal Profession. This award recognises his contribution to promoting access to the legal profession and inspiring future generations of legal professionals.



300 five star reviews

The Trading Standards 'Buy with Confidence' scheme has now received 300 reviews of East Devon Law and we are delighted that our services have been awarded 5 stars for quality of work carried out, customer service and value for money. This means that we continue to be the highest rated legal service provider in Devon, Somerset and Torbay. Thank you again for your feedback; we value it highly and it helps others make an informed choice for their legal advisor.



More success!

We are very happy to report that Adele Hunt, our Practice Manager, has now qualified as a lawyer,



following her examinations to become an Associate member of the Chartered Institute of Legal Executives, specialising in older client care. Adele's success increases the pool of expertise in the firm.

Adele said "It has been very hard work to do all the study as well as running the practice over the last few years but it was worth the investment to get good grades and be able to work directly with clients in the future."

Probate fees order scrapped

The government has finally abandoned controversial plans to overhaul probate fees which would have seen the wealthiest families pay almost \pounds 6,000 more to secure legal control over a deceased person's estate. At present, on estates worth more than \pounds 5,000, individuals in England and Wales pay a probate fee of \pounds 215 for a personal application or \pounds 155 if applying through a lawyer.

Christmas Opening

The Cadhay office will be open as usual except from 1pm on Christmas Eve until 27 December and New Year's Day.

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