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Accountants move into new territory

Accountancy firm Creaseys is moving into new territory by launching a probate and executorship service.

The work is traditionally undertaken by solicitors and banks, but Creaseys is among a small number of accountancy practices forging ahead in the field.

Chief executive Emma Roberts said: 'It makes sense for us to take this step. We have expert knowledge of the interaction of various taxes and can therefore take steps to help minimise any liabilities on death.'

She added: 'We have identified a need among our clients and the market in general for a fresh and alternative approach to probate and executorship.'

A key point of the service is that Probate fees will be fixed in advance where normally they are dependent on the final value of the estate which means they are unpredictable at the outset. The basis of charging for executorship work will also be agreed in advance.

The Creaseys Probate and Executorship team, at Tunbridge Wells, will be able to guide people through the various steps involved in dealing with an estate, including the preparation and completion of forms, documents and tax returns.

For existing clients, there will be particular benefits because the firm will already have a large amount of the information needed to complete the probate paperwork and that could speed the process.

As tax specialists Creaseys is well placed to advise on matters like inheritance tax, payable at 40 per cent on any qualifying estate worth more than £325,000.

There are many things that can be done to reduce that liability, even posthumously. Advice is available on ways of minimising an estate's liability and can help save thousands of pounds.

Creaseys is able to act as an executor of a will or to help executors fulfil their obligations. As well as preparing estate tax returns and estate accounts it can assist with the set-up and administration of any trust created by a will.

In addition it can put clients in touch with investment advisers if estate funds need to be managed during the administration period.

Emma added: 'Family members have to face these matters at a stressful and emotional time following the death of a loved one.

'We feel our experience and expertise make us well placed to provide constructive advice and support. Our objective is to make the whole process as smooth and trouble-free as possible.'

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