

## Christopher Bean



Partner, Member of Board of Management and Head of Private Client Services

Christopher is the Head of both the Private Client Services and Residential Conveyancing Services divisions at Gaby Hardwicke.

He joined Gaby Hardwicke as a partner in 1999 and initially developed the firms Hastings residential property practice. He then moved to the Eastbourne office to head up that team. In 2004 he joined the newly created Board of Management with responsibility for both Private Client and Residential Conveyancing Services.

He plays an active part in the Management of the firm and the department as well as contributing to the local law societies of the towns in which Gaby Hardwicke practice.

Gaby Hardwicke was the first firm in the towns in which it has offices to achieve the Law Society Approval for the "Conveyancing Quality Scheme". His team of conveyancers currently assist over 6000 people move home every year.

His role in developing the business sees him travel the country to meet with leading players in the Conveyancing market. He also speaks regularly at conferences to members of the profession. He sits on the Executive Committee of the Law Society Property Section, is a founding member of The Conveyancing Association (where he serves as both Director and Honorary Secretary) and he sits on the Mortgage Fraud Forum, which is a group of leading mortgage industry figures, that is facilitated by the National Fraud Authority, and aims to work to reduce the occurrence of mortgage fraud.

On a local level, he is a Past President of the Eastbourne Law Society and has assisted in the development of the Local Conveyancing Protocol.

Outside of work Christopher is a Trustee of Eastbourne Mencap and St Wilfrid's Hospice, as well as being a Governor of The Cavendish School, Eastbourne and The St Bede's School Trust, Sussex.