

## Thalia Livadaras

*Special Counsel*

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Thalia Livadaras is a Special Counsel in our Wills, Trusts & Estates group.

Passionate about Wills and estates law, Thalia's practice has a particular focus on complex deceased estate administration, contested probate matters, dispute resolution and estate litigation for plaintiffs and defendants. She has represented numerous high-net-worth clients, including executors and trustees, spouses, partners and adult children, and adopts a strategic yet pragmatic and cost-effective approach to achieving successful outcomes and resolutions.

Thalia approaches clients and their matters with compassion and empathy, and understands the challenges involved for individuals in navigating the complexities of estate litigation.

Thalia is a member of the Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners (STEP), as well as the Law Institute of Victoria (LIV), serving on both its Elder Law Committee and Succession Law Committee.

### Expertise

Wills, Trusts & Estates

Litigation &  
Dispute Resolution

### Significant experience

- Preparation of applications for Probate and Letters of Administration, including complex applications.
- Attending to all aspects of estate administration, providing advice on executor's duties and obligations, dealing with the realising of deceased estates and estate distribution.
- Contested probate and administration applications, including successfully challenged revocation application *Thomas v Gunn 2019 (Vic) 2019 VSC 772*.
- Exemplification, reseal and revocation applications.
- Advising clients about Testators Family Maintenance claims.
- Advising clients about challenges to Will validity on the basis of testamentary capacity, undue influence, knowledge and approval, and Will conformity requirements.
- Equitable claims including estoppel.
- Facilitating and negotiating settlements.
- Preparing Deeds of Family Arrangement.
- Dealing with trustees in bankruptcy.
- Representations for and in relation to contested superannuation and death benefit claims on behalf of adult children, de facto partners, spouses and parents of deceased persons.
- VCAT elder abuse, guardianship and administration matters.

*Includes matters handled at Rigby Cooke and prior to joining the firm.*

### Qualifications

Bachelor of Laws,  
*Monash University*

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*Monash University*

### Memberships

Law Institute of Victoria

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Estate Practitioners