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Leading Sets by number of rankings

Widely regarded as one of London's top commercial sets where "the quality of the work is very high." Brick Court continues to provide an exceptional service to its loyal following of instructing solicitors. "It is my first choice for heavyweight or difficult cases," says one source, with another adding: "It's a very bright and talented group of lawyers who work very hard." Barristers at the set handle complex cases within the core disciplines of public, European and competition law, as well as a huge raft of commercial disputes of high value and importance. Members such as Helen Davies QC, who "a number of clients would always regard as their number one choice," are often called upon to handle energy disputes. The set's tenants regularly appear in overseas courts, including in the BVI and Singapore. In addition, members here are able to offer strong representation in arbitrations. Brick Court has a reputation for quality counsel ranging from highly experienced silks, such as the legendary and "absolutely fantastic" arbitrator Lord Hoffmann, to rising star juniors. Among the set's roster of top-notch silks is Mark Howard QC who is "incisive and highly intelligent with, most notably, exceptional authority as an advocate." The set is also home to public law expert Martin Chamberlain QC, a relatively new silk who has nonetheless made an impression on his peers. One interviewee goes so far as to say: "Chamberlain is one of the best advocates I have ever seen." David Anderson QC is one of the set's European law experts and is highly praised. "He is perfect," enthuses one source, continuing: "His thinking and his actions are always on point." The set also has an enviable stable of notable junior barristers, including Fionn Pilbrow and Sarah Ford, who attract extensive praise for their excellent practices. The Brick Court barristers are ably supported by a widely praised clerking team which includes two senior clerks, the "terrific" Julian Hawes and the "easy to deal with" Ian Moyler, as well as two deputy senior clerks, the "brilliant" Paul Dennison and the "really responsive" Tony Burgess.

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Client Service at the Bar

A set that is singled out for its "first-rate" clerking and "client service-oriented, commercial approach." Instructing solicitors describe a clerks room that is "extremely efficient and keen to assist and respond immediately to queries or requests," as well as one that is "organised, helpful and a flawless operation overall." The team is led by Julian Hawes and Ian Moyler, who "run a good shop", alongside deputy senior clerk Paul Dennison, who is praised for his "extreme efficiency." The group is applauded for its understanding of the firms it works with. "They get to know you as a client and recommend people who will be a good fit," reports one source, whilst another notes that they are "transparent about availability and strike the right balance between making people available and not over selling people who are too busy." The clerks are noted for being forward-thinking, as exemplified by one source who says "they've adapted to the post-Jackson world and they have a good understanding of cost and client demands."

- CHAMBERS & PARTNERS 2017: CLIENT SERVICE AT THE BAR

Administrative & Public Law

THE SET

Brick Court Chambers is a strong choice for public and administrative law cases involving an overlap with EU and commercial law. Recently, several members were involved in challenges against the UK's regulations requiring plain packaging for cigarettes. Other highlights include



Uber v Transport for London, Holmcroft v KPMG and Bank Mellat v HM Treasury. Members act on behalf of claimants and defendants in challenges to regulatory and legislative provisions. The set is also increasingly receiving instructions in public law cases concerning social justice and human rights. Clients comment that "they've got an impressively deep bench and a broad range of good players, so they are a good port of call for big disputes."

Client service: "Very organised, efficient and helpful. A flawless operation overall." "Clerking service is very friendly, very hands-on and very good." The team is led by senior clerks Julian Hawes and Ian Moyler.

- **CHAMBERS & PARTNERS 2017: ADMINISTRATIVE & PUBLIC LAW (BAND 2)**

Banking & Finance

THE SET

A highly respected set with a significant roster of leading commercial and banking silks and juniors of all levels of seniority, many of whom appear regularly in cases affecting the industry as a whole. Brick Court's barristers are widely seen as foremost experts in the areas of Libor manipulation, large-scale insolvency and its impact on related contractual arrangements, and multi-jurisdictional bank restructuring. Its deep bench of counsel is well versed in acting both for and against banks and other financial institutions.

Client service: "The clerks and support staff are extremely efficient. They are keen to assist and respond immediately to queries and requests." Julian Hawes and Ian Moyler run the team.

- **CHAMBERS & PARTNERS 2017: BANKING & FINANCE (BAND 2)**

Civil Liberties & Human Rights

THE SET

Brick Court Chambers is a well-respected set offering key strengths across the areas of European law, commercial law, civil liberties and human rights. Its formidable team of barristers are regularly sought-after to assist with major cases concerning data protection, economic sanctions and significant damages claims for torture. Liberty v GCHQ, a recent case questioning whether the monitoring of communications in the UK is compatible with human rights law, is a fine example of the high-profile work undertaken by the set. Instructing solicitors report that "Brick Court has an impressively deep bench and a broad range of experienced advocates."

Client service: "The clerking team is very responsive, and they will be very straight with you when it comes to timing and cost." Julian Hawes and Ian Moyler lead the clerking team.

- **CHAMBERS & PARTNERS 2017: CIVIL LIBERTIES & HUMAN RIGHTS (BAND 3)**

Commercial Dispute Resolution

THE SET

An undisputed heavyweight that handles the most complex, high-stakes litigation heard in the London courts and globally. It possesses enormous strength in depth and has some of the very finest names at the Bar within its ranks. Uniform excellence is a given and such is the



standard of entry into the set that solicitors say: "The set has an extraordinarily deep pool of people to draw on. If you throw a stone there you are bound to hit someone brilliant." In recent years the barristers have been heavily involved in Russian oligarch work, having been instructed in matters such as the Pinchuk litigation and the Bank of St Petersburg v Arkhangelsky case.

Client service: "The clerks have very good relationships with the commercial courts." Solicitors say: "They understand our business and client pressures, and always deliver by being responsive and flexible when it comes to fee arrangements and resourcing needs." The clerking team is lead by Ian Moyler and Julian Hawes.

- CHAMBERS & PARTNERS 2017: COMMERCIAL DISPUTE RESOLUTION (BAND 1)

Competition Law

THE SET

Brick Court Chambers is a top-flight competition set offering strength in depth at all levels of seniority. The barristers act on all aspects of competition law, including private damages actions and investigations, and appear for claimants and defendants. Top-level solicitors regularly instruct them on behalf of market-leading corporates; they also represent competition regulators. Members have appeared on both sides of the leading cases of Emerald Supplies v British Airways and Unwired Planet v Samsung and Huawei. Sources say: "Brick Court has an extremely strong market offering at all levels from junior to leading counsel."

Client service: "The clerking is first-rate. They have a better understanding of costs and client demands than most, and do a good job of getting the barristers on board." Senior clerks Julian Hawes and Ian Moyler head the clerking team.

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Energy & Natural Resources

THE SET

One of the foremost sets at the Commercial Bar, Brick Court Chambers handles a broad range of high-end dispute work that includes major energy cases. Barristers at the chambers offer a broad array of commercial and regulatory expertise that extends to mining contracts, oil and gas work, renewables projects and trading agreements. They handle cases around the globe, with recent instructions coming from places as far flung as Brazil, Azerbaijan and Ghana. Sources say that the set "has some frankly brilliant practitioners" and are highly complimentary about the quality of client service they receive.

Client service: Julian Hawes and Ian Moyler co-lead the "very efficient clerking team." Sources describe them as: "Extremely efficient and very supportive."

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Environment

THE SET

Offers exceptional depth and experience of public law and regularly handles multifaceted cases requiring expertise in public, competition, EU



and environmental law. Members regularly advise on cases concerning emissions, air quality and the environmental impact of energy developments.

Client service: "The set is highly professional, well clerked and always very amenable and helpful." Julian Hawes and Ian Moyler are the joint senior clerks.

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European Law

THE SET

Brick Court provides a top-flight European law offering that is sought out by prestigious law firms seeking advice in areas as diverse as tax, free movement and EU-wide IP. The barristers receive instructions from multinational corporations, government bodies and individuals, and are increasingly active in the expanding area of EU sanctions. Of late, members have handled a number of headline-grabbing matters, as illustrated by their appearance in the Tobacco Directive judicial reviews. Instructing solicitors say: "All the barristers are efficient, bright and know the law, and the clerks are easy to deal with."

Client service: "The clerks are everything you would hope for - responsive and great at handling communication with the courts." Senior Clerks Julian Hawes and Ian Moyler head the clerking team.

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Fraud: Civil

THE SET

A set replete with market-leading QCs and juniors accustomed to handling high-value fraud matters. Instructions are often international and multi-jurisdictional in nature, stemming from such regions as the CIS, the Caribbean and, increasingly, Africa. "Brick Court has a wealth of talent and expertise in the area and good strength in depth," observes one instructing solicitor. "The barristers are intellectually impressive and user-friendly."

Client service: "The clerks are efficient and provide good client service." "They are commercial and well connected at court. They're easy to deal with and responsive." Ian Moyler and Julian Hawes are joint senior clerks.

- **CHAMBERS & PARTNERS 2017: FRAUD: CIVIL (BAND 1)**

Insurance

THE SET

Sophisticated commercial set that excels in handling disputes at the higher end of the insurance and reinsurance market. Has excellent strength in depth and the ability to take on big-ticket claims and esoteric points of insurance law with equal aplomb. The set's involvement in the Single Buoy Moorings case, valued at over £1 billion, showcases its prominence in truly top-drawer insurance matters. Additionally, members are instructed in all types of marine and non-marine insurance matters and can also collectively boast a broad range of other



specialisms.

Client service: "The clerks, led by senior clerks Julian Hawes and Ian Moyler, are very good and very responsive. They will be very straight with you on both timing and cost."

- **CHAMBERS & PARTNERS 2017: INSURANCE (BAND 2)**

International Arbitration: General Commercial & Insurance

THE SET

Brick Court is known for its expertise in handling international arbitrations regarding a wide spectrum of subject matters, and is particularly expert in insurance and energy related disputes. The set's barristers are experienced at appearing before tribunals with seats in the EU, Bermuda, Switzerland, Singapore, the USA, Hong Kong and the Middle East. Recently, members of Brick Court have been engaged in energy treaty arbitrations and bilateral investment treaty arbitrations as well as some high-value instructions relating to IP and software disputes.

Client service: "The clerks are pragmatic and polite. The experience has been nothing but very professional." Julian Hawes and Ian Moyler are the set's senior clerks.

- **CHAMBERS & PARTNERS 2017: INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION: GENERAL COMMERCIAL & INSURANCE (BAND 3)**

Professional Negligence

THE SET

A leading commercial set which can claim an impressive number of heavyweight litigators among its ranks. The highly regarded silks at Brick Court Chambers are often instructed in high-profile and high-value negligence disputes on behalf of claimant and defendant parties alike. Recent work highlights include National Trust v IBM, concerning the provision of software and project management services, and the £1.6 billion audit negligence litigation which arose from the failure of subprime lender Cattles, in which members represented PwC. Commentators highlight the set as one to turn to with tough cases.

Client service: "They are very well run." "The clerks are easy to work with and to contact." Julian Hawes and Ian Moyler are the senior clerks.

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Telecommunications

THE SET

A robust set particularly well regarded for its strength in handling the commercial side of telecoms cases, Brick Court Chambers has a strong reputation for acting on behalf of private companies in competition-related telecoms disputes. Its members regularly act for operators and regulatory bodies both national and internationally, covering jurisdictions including Hong Kong, Ireland, Mauritius and Slovakia, to name but a few. Its work highlights of late include BT v Ofcom (the Ethernet appeals), Vodafone v Infineon (the smart card chips cartel) and Lebara v Lycamobile, a net neutrality case.



Client service: "The set has small armies of clerks to handle your matters expertly." Ian Moyler and Julian Hawes lead the team.

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