

# BRICK COURT CHAMBERS

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#### Set overviews

Solicitors have ‘never received anything less than top quality and responsiveness’ from Brick Court Chambers, which is ‘deservedly among the top sets in London for commercial work’ and ‘the preferred chambers for administrative law’. Clients ‘always receive the highest levels of service’ and appreciate the ‘good blend of experience and specialist expertise’. Chambers also houses ‘a very professional and approachable team of clerks’. In particular, Julian Hawes is ‘a responsive problem solver’ and jointly leads the clerks’ room alongside ‘first port of call’ Ian Moyler, who is ‘very accessible and reasonable in negotiating fees; you give him a budget and he sticks to it’. The deputy senior clerks are Tony Burgess and Paul Dennison, who are ‘honest in their appraisals of the strengths of particular barristers; you always respect their suggestions’.

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#### Administrative and public law

Brick Court Chambers is ‘truly an impressive operation’, where counsel are ‘extraordinarily engaging, clever, dedicated and a pleasure to work with’. Particular strengths include EU and commercial-related judicial reviews; seven members were involved in the tobacco plain packaging case.

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#### Banking & Finance

Brick Court Chambers is a ‘leading set for commercial and banking disputes’. Members regularly act for both the claimants and the banks, and have taken lead roles in headline disputes such as Terra Firma v Citibank, Bank St Petersburg v Arkhangelsky, and Property Alliance Group v RBS.

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#### Civil Liberties & Human Rights

Brick Court Chambers is ‘absolutely excellent’ across human rights, EU and commercial law, with a number of strong silks and juniors versatile in these fields.

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#### Commercial Litigation

Brick Court Chambers is ‘an excellent set for high-value, complex commercial litigation’, and has an ‘excellent depth of QCs and juniors, as

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well as a strong clerking team'. Members are comfortable handling the full range of disputes, as illustrated by multiple roles across some of the year's largest cases, including *Pinchuk v Kolomoisky and Bogolyubov*, *Libyan Investment Authority v Goldman Sachs*, and *Cattles and Welcome Financial Services v PwC*.

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## Energy

Brick Court Chambers is a 'well-recognised set with a strong team of counsel'. Mark Howard QC represented African Minerals in the Court of Appeal case against Renaissance Capital. Helen Davies QC has been defending Credit Suisse against a £100m claim concerning an oil field in Azerbaijan.

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## EU and Competition

Brick Court Chambers is 'packed with star quality at all levels', reflected in its impressive workload. Work highlights included *Foundem v Google*, concerning Google's alleged abuse of dominant position regarding internet searching, and the Eurotunnel case in the Supreme Court.

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## Fraud: Civil

Brick Court Chambers is 'one of the most pre-eminent commercial sets with a range of extremely good barristers from juniors through to silk level'. Members are regularly relied upon for major cases, including *Arcadia Petroleum v Bosworth*, *Bayerische Landesbank v Ecclestone*, and *Libyan Investment Authority v Goldman Sachs*.

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## Insurance & Reinsurance

Brick Court Chambers is hailed as 'the hallmark of excellence at the insurance Bar'. Cases include *Mutual Energy v Starr* (led by Tom Adam QC) and *Brit UW v F&B Trenchless Solutions* (led by Neil Calver QC).

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## International Arbitration: Counsel

Brick Court Chambers is 'highly recommended' for international arbitration with a strong cast of commercial barristers well versed in the area. Members have notable expertise in general global commercial disputes across a range of sectors, and have also been involved in several energy and investment treaty arbitrations.

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## International Arbitration: Arbitrators

Brick Court Chambers houses several of the leading figures in international arbitration, including Klaus Reichert SC and Lord Hoffmann.

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## Mediators

- William Wood QC at Brick Court Chambers has ‘an excellent reputation for mediations and secures deals, even after the day of mediation has passed’.
- Stephen Ruttle QC at Brick Court Chambers is ‘hugely likeable and enthusiastic’. Ruttle has successfully mediated nearly 1000 high-value commercial disputes.
- With a background of advising on some of the largest international litigation, Tony Willis of Brick Court Chambers is recommended for a wide range of financial, business and complex mediations in both the UK and overseas.

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## Professional Negligence

‘Highly regarded commercial set’ Brick Court Chambers houses ‘many good brains’ and has ‘obvious strength in depth’. Mark Hapgood QC led a team of five in the set acting for PwC in *Cattles and Welcome Financial Services v PwC*, where over £1.6bn was at stake. Another work highlight for chambers was Court of Appeal case *ENRC v Dechert*.

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