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Administrative & Public Law

THE SET Brick Court Chambers is the standout commercial public law set, and regularly advises and acts for international commercial entities in complex public law proceedings. Well known for its wealth of competition and EU law experience, it counts British Airways, BT and Betfair, as well as a host of other household names, on its books. It also represents an increasing number of government departments including the Ministry of Defence and the Secretary of State for Energy & Climate Change. One commercial solicitor commented: "I never look beyond the set for a commercial judicial review - it has a fabulous practice, particularly when it comes to technical judicial reviews and competition law work."

SILKS David Anderson QC is a "first-rate judicial review lawyer" and a "real heavyweight" in public law litigation that has a commercial flavour. Allied to this he is currently the Independent Reviewer of Terrorism Legislation. He works closely with the UK government and the Treasury Solicitor on matters of public and international public law, and also has a renowned EU law and competition practice. Instructing solicitors comment that he is "the complete opposite of pompous - he is very user-friendly and clients like him."

Richard Gordon QC is "high up on the list for commercial judicial review issues," and is a favourite of elite City solicitors as he gives "clear, unequivocal advice." Public lawyers comment that Gordon is "a strikingly accessible lawyer who thinks very widely around all sorts of public law issues." He has international judicial review experience in Hong Kong, and represented the Olympic Park Legacy Company in the major judicial review brought by Tottenham Hotspur, and others, in respect of the post-games usage of the stadium site.

Mark Hoskins QC's public law practice intersects with his extensive competition and EU law capabilities. Solicitors instruct Hoskins as he offers "really incisive and unemotional analysis and his drafting is incredibly crisp. He is a really interesting pleader."

Sir Sydney Kentridge QC is "an incredible barrister," who is "authoritative" and has proved himself to be "genuinely exceptional" in the course of a lengthy career. He has recently acted for the Law Society, which is intervening in a challenge brought by Prudential which is bidding to extend legal professional privilege to non-lawyers. Those that instruct Kentridge do so as he is "so eminent, very understated, and very precise."

Alan Maclean QC acted for the Royal Brompton Hospital in judicial review proceedings against the Joint Committee of Primary Care Trusts, and has been engaged by the Solicitors' Regulatory Authority to provide ongoing advice as to the impact of the Legal Services Act and alternative business structures. He is known for his "robust, forceful and persuasive written and oral advocacy."

Jemima Stratford QC is "slick and impressive, but down-to-earth with it." Her expertise and experience in the field of medicine, and the fact that she is "an excellent team player," motivate a number of solicitors to engage her on high-profile cases. By way of example, she acted for Philip Morris in a challenge to the recently implemented tobacco display ban.

Marie Demetriou QC "has a mind like a razor" according to one instructing solicitor, and provides "clarity of explanation which is very important to clients." She is singled out for the European expertise she can leverage in a public law case. Peers commented that "her silk was richly deserved - she'll do really well."

Martin Chamberlain QC is "a defendant superstar" who wins the universal regard of the market. "He is calm, knows all of the law and gets to the real practical points of a case." Chamberlain is regularly instructed by the Treasury Solicitor, and is working on matters for the Secretary

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of State for Energy & Climate Change, and for Transport for London in its dispute with Addison Lee over the use of London bus lanes.

JUNIORS Maya Lester is "smart, approachable and very creative. She is very keen to always talk through issues from as many angles as possible." Her reputation for public law work is "stellar" and she is described as being "extremely bright."

Kelyn Bacon has been instructed in judicial review proceedings for the GMC as well as a subsidiary of Addison Lee. She is another at the set with a strong focus on competition and EU law, and is praised for her "very quick legal analysis and good drafting."

Victoria Wakefield "is starting to make a big name for herself" in the public law sphere. She represented the Ministry of Defence in the Baha Mousa Inquiry, and acted for the Secretary of State for Business, Innovation & Skills in a judicial review challenge to the legality of the export from the UK of chemicals which are used in lethal injection executions in the USA. One senior barrister "was completely wowed by her. I can't think of any area that I would fault her on."

Clients describe Sarah Love as "fantastic" and "very good at getting straight to the point." She is on the Attorney General's Panel of Junior Counsel to The Crown, and also acts for commercial clients as interveners or claimants in public law contexts.

New entrant to the rankings Oliver Jones is "really mature beyond his years; he is remarkably good." Jones was part of the team that successfully challenged the cancellation of the Building Schools for the Future programme, in respect of Waltham Forest and other local authorities.

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Aviation

THE SET Brick Court Chambers has members who have experience in providing representation across a wide variety of aviation disputes and regulatory matters. They are advantaged by the fact that they can draw on their expertise in a number of other areas, such as insurance and reinsurance, international arbitration, and EU and public law. The set remains a popular choice amongst top City firms instructing on behalf of major airports, regulation authorities and airlines.

SILKS Andrew Lydiard QC recently acted in PK AirFinance v Chartis, a claim concerning the loss of two Boeing 747 aircraft. Sources appreciate that "this intellectually rigorous and powerful advocate" makes sure he gets the best possible results for clients. "He is everything I want in a silk," one solicitor commented.

"Very sound all-rounder" Neil Calver QC frequently advises on coverage matters in the aviation sphere. He also represents clients in arbitration matters and is known for his "good judgement and sensible advice."

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Banking & Finance

THE SET Solicitors say that when instructing individuals at this leading commercial set, "almost without exception you know you will get fantastic quality." Its members "exhibit strong technical expertise and commercial awareness and will always go the extra mile for the client." The set may not be as deeply focused on banking work as the two leading chambers in the market, but easily compensates for this with its

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line-up of star silks and juniors, as well as its vast knowledge of complex financial products.

SILKS Mark Hapgood QC is "a true leader in the field." "An advocate with gravitas who is responsive, strategic and effective," he is "enormously respected by judges, who hang on his every word." He frequently acts on the most complex of cases, and is called "Mr ISDA" for his expertise in matters relating to the Master Agreement.

Fellow star silk Mark Howard QC is equally well regarded: "He does the very best-quality work and is a great trial litigator who is tremendous in court." Solicitors say that "he manages to pull the cat out of the bag every time," and that he is "absolutely the man to have on a cross-examination."

"Rising star of the Bar" Tim Lord QC is one of the first choices for institutional investors in disputes with large investment banks. He is "a bright and a creative thinker," who has a "good grasp of litigation and commercial tactics," and proves a "particularly skilled and intrepid advocate."

The "strategically impressive" Neil Calver QC continues to be a popular choice for banking instructions, where his commercial advice and strong client-handling skills are much in demand. He recently appeared in *Spinnaker v Starling*, a high-profile dispute relating to a Russian oligarch.

Jasbir Dhillon QC is a "hugely diligent barrister," whose services are frequently called upon for complicated banking transaction litigations. As an advocate he is "measured in his delivery," and "delivers on time and produces a great work product."

Andrew Henshaw QC excels at credit derivative mis-selling claims. One such was a recent claim in the Commercial Court connected with the sale and restructuring of a series of credit derivative notes.

JUNIORS Another highly rated junior here is Jonathan Dawid, who has impressed a range of City solicitors. "Quick to grasp complex issues," he "produces work that can be used effortlessly by senior counsel."

New entry Fionn Pilbrow "has it all." Solicitors note that he is "very smart, highly responsive and very personable," as well as user-friendly.

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Civil Liberties & Human Rights

THE SET This set has a recognised civil liberties capability that sits alongside its widely praised commercial and general public law offerings. Its members have been particularly active in cases involving asset freezing, and are widely experienced at national and European level.

SILKS Richard Gordon QC is commended by peers for a continuing series of "really elegant performances" in the human rights arena. He has acted in a number of major cases in the Court of Appeal, including two cases concerning the deprivation of liberty and Article 5 of the ECHR.

Jemima Stratford QC acts for government bodies, NGOs and commercial clients on a broad range of matters with human rights implications. She notably acted for Philip Morris in its challenge to the curtailment of commercial freedom of expression heralded by legislation banning the display of tobacco products.

Marie Demetriou QC draws on her significant experience of public and European law in important human rights cases of a markedly international bent. She has acted for the People's Mojahedin of Iran in its successful challenge to the Council of the European Union's

decision to list it as a terrorist organisation.

Martin Chamberlain QC has acquired a prominent status, as reflected by his defendant work in cases of the prominence of Georgia v Russia II, concerning human rights violations allegedly committed by Russia during the Russo-Georgian war of 2008. Sources describe him as "a very cool character in court," who has the power to "make the complex simple."

JUNIORS Maya Lester is an "incredibly thorough and conscientious" barrister who has appeared in a number of cases before the ECHR. Prominent among these are her representation of the Chagos Islanders in a challenge to their forced deportment from the islands by the British government during the 1970s.

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Commercial Dispute Resolution

THE SET Brick Court Chambers is "a top-tier set with star quality from top to bottom." It is instructed on cross-border business disputes of the highest calibre, many of which attract significant media commentary. That such work should flow to the set is a result of the "approachable and user-friendly" approach taken by the "highly responsive" barristers here. They are assisted in their endeavours by "excellent clerks," who "are always willing to try and find the right counsel for you and secure their availability." Members of Julian Hawes and Ian Moyler's team are "honest and upfront; they will tell you if the timescale you put forward is not feasible." The barristers themselves are equally as "dedicated to client service." As one commentator put it, "you get the impression that you are dealing with a market leader for whom first-class legal advice and representation is a given. The great thing is that they combine this with excellent service as well."

SILKS Mark Howard QC, one of the Commercial Bar's biggest names, is an "exceptional" silk and an "extraordinarily well-rounded advocate" who "can command the attention of any judge." A provider of "clever, shrewd and realistic advice," Howard excels "above all" in cross-examination, and is seen as being quite "devastating" in this regard. Highlights of his past year include resisting a significant share sale injunction attempt against VimpelCom. He is expected to make further headlines in the near future representing Michael Cherney in his USD4 billion dispute with Oleg Deripaska.

Another high-calibre commercial litigator is "the exceptionally bright and focused" Mark Hapgood QC, who offers "excellent, commercial advice." Hapgood, who has recently been involved in a good deal of Lehman Brothers litigation, wins particular praise from clients for his "very user-friendly, commercial approach."

Jonathan Hirst QC is another highly regarded Brick Court silk with a strong "strategic brain." "Jovial and robust," he is a man of "great gravitas in court." Observers underline his impressive knack for assimilating large amounts of information and the fact that he works well within a team.

Charles Hollander QC is "a cerebral silk and a strong advocate," who is well loved by instructing solicitors as he forms "precise and steady views." He "knows everything there is to know about disclosure" and is "excellent with clients." "When we've got something really tricky we know we can count on him," say his devotees.

Neil Calver QC is regarded as "an extremely practical" silk, who is blessed with good judgement. Recent highlights for him include defending Russian oligarch Alexander Zanadvorov against claims of fraud brought by a London-based hedge fund.

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The "technically superb" Simon Salzedo QC is also recommended by peers and instructing solicitors. A "crisp and clear advocate," he is a lawyer whose "imaginative and creative" approach to legal quandaries has proven a godsend to many a solicitor in dire straits.

Helen Davies QC is held in high esteem by observers, who note her "highly persuasive manner" and say she is "excellent in the way that she guides a case through the court." Instructing solicitors say Davies "is putting down her roots as a QC and coming through strongly." Her "command of detail" has been identified as being particularly impressive.

Daniel Jowell QC recently appeared in the High Court as lead counsel acting for Roman Abramovich on his multibillion-dollar dispute with metals magnate and oligarch Boris Berezovsky. Sources say his cross-examination and his written work are both excellent.

The "robust" and ever-prepared Alan Maclean QC is "absolutely brilliant" and "thoroughly charming." "An excellent up-and-coming young silk," he "combines a mastery of detail with tactical acumen and great courtroom expertise."

The "frighteningly intelligent" Michael Swainston QC is a robust cross-examiner who "knows how to really put people under pressure." Instructing solicitors commend him as "a remarkably tenacious silk who will go through the papers, squeeze out every last point and fight to the last breath." He shares a set with Tom Adam QC, an "extremely responsive" young silk, who is a strong trial advocate with a powerful command of the facts in a case. He acts on an array of multi-jurisdictional commercial frays, as does Tim Lord QC. Of Lord, instructing solicitors say that "as well as being highly intelligent and expert in the law, he has a very good grasp of commercial tactics, and is a particularly skilled and intrepid advocate." Solicitors like him as he is "effective at pushing a case on as quickly as possible."

"Clients love" Harry Matovu QC as "he is exceptionally easy to deal with and can skilfully tell a judge that he's wrong without making that judge feel bruised." He wins "the confidence of the court and clients effortlessly," and is a fine advocate with the "ability to maintain calm in a fierce battle."

"It is a joy," solicitors say, to watch the "committed and tenacious" Catharine Otton-Goulder QC "skilfully work the court around to her view." Sources say she "thrives on cases with tricky legal issues that need patient unravelling," and that she offers "calm, structured and persuasive explanations to the court."

"Bright, accessible and good with clients," Richard Slade QC "cuts through the flannel to get to the heart of the issue and has no problem delivering a forthright view." He recently acted for the third and fourth defendants on a substantial conspiracy claim brought by Kazakh bank Alliance Bank.

Michael Bools QC, sources say, is a "real pleasure to work with" who is "a clever lawyer, an excellent draftsman and a strong team player." Recent highlights for him include acting on two multimillion-pound battles between ITV and its Scottish counterpart STV.

Finally, Sir Sydney Kentridge QC has had a distinguished career at the English Bar since the late 1970s, and before that had a hugely successful career in South Africa. Kentridge continues to expand his horizons, appearing before two new courts in 2011: the Hague's Permanent Court of Arbitration and the ECJ in Luxembourg.

Roger Masefield QC is "an imaginative lawyer and a forceful advocate" who is an "impressive all-rounder." Prior to his recent elevation to silk he was a junior in Roman Abramovich's team in the headline-grabbing, multibillion-pound High Court battle with Boris Berezovsky.

Jasbir Dhillon QC is praised for being "very bright," and is "carving a niche for himself" in financial markets-related disputes.

New silk Andrew Henshaw QC is a "very able, clear-minded and responsive" barrister. He was a member of Berezovsky's counsel team, led by Jonathan Sumption QC, in the widely reported clash of the titans with Roman Abramovich.

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JUNIORS Climbing the rankings this year, Simon Birt "is extremely intelligent and always has a full grasp of complex details." "Incredibly incisive," he has in recent times acted on major cases such as the Fiona Trust litigation and Deutsche Bank's multibillion-dollar battle with Sebastian Holdings. Stephen Midwinter also wins praise, with sources identifying him as a "highly intelligent, unflappable" junior who thrives on high-pressure legal conflicts. He is "able to explain complex legal points in a readily understandable way and knows how to persuade the court that he's on the right side of the argument." Alec Haydon has a "forthright style" and "an excellent ability to separate the wheat from the chaff" in a case. "Confident and direct" in his manner, he does well as he is "tenacious, thorough and insightful."

"Cerebral" junior Fionn Pilbrow "works extremely hard, is highly capable and turns work around amazingly fast." "Calm under pressure," he demonstrates "good judgement on when to make a point and knows how best to make it."

Senior counsel at the South African Bar and now a junior at Brick Court, Thomas Plewman SC has a great track record as a litigator. Sources who have seen him in action in the UK say Plewman is "highly analytical, very clever" and possessed of "very good judgement."

The "sharp, quick, and highly responsive" Colin West "cuts through complex issues to get to the nub of the issue astoundingly quickly. His conclusions and reasoning are spot-on," say those that use him. He is a market favourite as is Sarah Abram, who has been identified by a number of sources as one to watch closely. Instructing solicitors say she is "a strong junior" who is "very hard-working" and "willing to get into the detail" of a case.

Praise also falls on Tony Singla, who sources say is "great for commercial work with a competition angle." Singla has also recently been part of Michael Cherney's counsel team in his High Court battle with Oleg Deripaska, and has had a role in ITV's dispute with STV.

Another "highly promising junior" is the "truly excellent" Oliver Jones, who demonstrates "a commercial approach" and has "an impressive command of detail." He is "one to watch out for" along with "diligent" young junior Gerard Rothschild, a "clever, hard-working" junior with "commercial acumen," who "meets deadlines" and displays "very good attention to detail and an extremely careful approach in all he does."

Fred Hobson rounds off Brick Court's impressive cadre of talented young barristers recognised by this year's guide. Sources hail him as "a very able lawyer and a crisp draftsman."

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Competition/European Law

THE SET There is no doubt that Brick Court "absolutely deserves its top ranking," with no shortage of solicitors queuing up to extol its praises on both the competition and EU law fronts. Anybody looking to instruct leading silks and juniors with star quality and proven expertise should seek out this set. Those at the top of the tree are ably followed by an impressive group of juniors, and all are rubber-stamped as "excellent advocates who work well as a team." One feature consistently highlighted by interviewees was the "excellent approach to client service" offered by the set, with barristers and clerks alike being described as "very approachable and flexible." Those who have worked with Brick Court are happy to confirm that "it absolutely lives up to its reputation" as a set that matches leading legal expertise with first-rate client service.

SILKS Commentators are quick to confirm that "there is no question that David Anderson QC is an absolute star" in the EU law arena, and are happy to detail the qualities that make the man. His "gravitas and wealth of experience" are beyond doubt, as are the "great judgement and analysis" which he applies to a wide range of EU law-related matters. A recent example of his work was a challenge to the way that the pricing

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of international roaming on mobile telephones is regulated.

Someone who needs little introduction is the "world-class" Nicholas Green QC, whose return to active practice after time serving as chairman of the Bar has seen him resume his seat "at the very top of the competition law world." His evident legal skills are enhanced by his much-praised user-friendly approach and commercial nous. The last year has seen his continued involvement in a number of top competition cases, examples being his representation of YKK Fasteners in its appeal to the European Commission concerning price-fixing fines.

Aidan Robertson QC is another key figure at the set, and offers a "detailed knowledge of both European and domestic competition law issues." This depth of expertise is by no means the only string to his bow – he also garners praise for his "highly responsive and caring service" and "ability to cut to the heart of an issue." His successful work acting for several parties appealing fines handed down by the OFT has continued in the last year, and has resulted in the reduction of several of these fines. He has also been acting for MasterCard in appealing an EU decision regarding credit card fees.

The "thoroughly reassuring" Mark Brealey QC continues to win the respect and high praise of fellow counsel due to his expertise in a raft of EU and domestic law matters. He "brings to the conduct of any case an intellectual originality that combines market-leading legal expertise with flair," and this creativity is highlighted by several commentators as being a real boon to those instructing him. He was successful in his work acting for Imperial Tobacco alongside Mark Howard QC and Tony Singla in its appeal against the OFT's price-fixing fine.

The "absolutely phenomenal" Helen Davies QC is another top name at the set, and is characterised as being "a rocket scientist intellectually who also interacts with clients extremely well." She brings highly regarded commercial litigation experience to her competition law work, and is particularly noted for her "ability to grasp unbelievably complex situations quickly." Her recent work includes acting for the intervener Lloyds TSB in the judicial review of the Competition Commission's ruling on payment protection insurance.

James Flynn QC is a real client favourite, who impresses sources with his "great manner and approachability." He "always judges the situation brilliantly," and brings great "strategic insight" to EU and competition law matters. He acted for ASDA before the CAT in its successful appeal against the OFT's tobacco price-fixing decision, and also continued to act for Sky in the pay-TV CAT appeal.

The highly rated and "superbright" Mark Hoskins QC shines out as someone who is really making great strides in the competition and EU law world. Instructing solicitors see him as adding value as he is "in so high an intellectual stratosphere" and is also "an excellent advocate" when in court. He is instructed by ABB, a defendant in the National Grid cartel damages claim, and has also been involved in the pay-TV CAT appeal on behalf of Virgin Media.

Derrick Wyatt QC is a "very experienced and bright EU lawyer" whose "exceptionally strong client commitment" draws particular applause from commentators. His leading position in the tables is justified by the impressive roll call of past and present cases he has handled, covering the full spectrum of EU litigation. Recently, he acted for the UK in its appeal against the General Court's inadmissibility decision in a case concerning a registered site in waters belonging to Gibraltar.

Since taking silk in 2011, Daniel Jowell QC has cemented his position as an excellent choice for those wanting a barrister who is "razor sharp" and "a real joy to work with." Instructing solicitors state that "his great strength is that he is not purely a competition lawyer – he can provide that broader context." One recent example of his work was his representation of Ryanair in its successful attempt to have the Competition Commission report into UK airports reinstated.

Fergus Randolph QC consistently impresses sources with his hands-on and pragmatic approach, and is someone who "demonstrates extreme commitment, remains consistently focused and is a good team player." His vast experience in competition and non-competition-related EU

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law matters means he is instructed on a range of complex briefs. The last year has seen him work on a public inquiry into whether tariff charges by the Dover Harbour Board to various ferry companies are compliant with EU competition law.

Jemima Stratford QC remains a very popular choice for both competition and EU law matters. Sources say she is "a delight to work with and always has an iron grip on the detail of a case." "A fount of knowledge on EU law and regulations," she is "spot-on in terms of strategy," a fact underlined by her recent work in the judicial review of the tobacco product display ban. On this matter she represented Philip Morris.

The "great doyen of European law," David Vaughan QC is held up as a shining example of someone with "unrivalled experience" in his field. His advice, drawn from 45 years of practice, is considered to be "first-class, incisive and pragmatic." One recent work highlight for him was successfully acting for the People's Mujahedin of Iran in an ECJ appeal brought by France, which looked at judgments regarding asset freezing.

Mark Howard QC is a new and popular addition to the competition table this year, and is applauded for his "ability to bring leadership and clarity to the most complex of cases." He is considered the "pre-eminent exponent of the art of cross-examination at the moment," and has worked on a number of leading competition cases in the last year. In the past year he has acted for Imperial Tobacco in its successful appeal before the CAT.

New silk Marie Demetriou QC has a practice that spans the full gamut of competition and EU law. A former *référénaire* at the ECJ, she is praised for her in-depth knowledge of the workings of EU law, and for the "very creative, clear and swift" advice she furnishes. One example of her work was her representation of Crest Nicholson in its successful appeal against an OFT-imposed penalty. She also acted for All Nippon Airways in an air cargo cartel damages claim.

JUNIORS Kelyn Bacon is earmarked by market sources as someone with "growing star status" in competition and EU law. She "excellently combines technical skills, responsiveness and client awareness," and is a lawyer who is increasingly in demand. Involved in several key cases in the last year, she acted for Aer Lingus in Ryanair's CAT appeal against a decision by the OFT, and also represented Areva in follow-on damages actions in the High Court.

Maya Lester is a "genuine expert in competition law." Sources comment that "she manages to combine both legal insight and clear analytical skills with a real feeling for the facts." She was recently led by Mark Howard QC representing Tesco in its high-profile CAT appeal against the OFT dairy decision.

Sarah Ford draws on significant experience in both public law and commercial litigation when advising on a diverse range of matters. She has a "very good understanding of the nuances of what goes on in the court and the subtle undertones of what is really being said," and is praised by counsel and solicitors alike. The last year has seen her act as junior counsel for the defendants in damages claims resulting from an alleged abuse of dominance in the waste light bulb collection market.

Robert O'Donoghue continues to attract praise from the market for his "ability to distil down and quickly identify the legal issues of complex competition cases in a clear way." Sources identify his "really good breadth of expertise" and note that he offers particular strength in matters concerning abuse of dominance. He was sole counsel to Telefónica O2 in a CAT hearing concerning termination charges imposed by BT, and acted for ASDA in its appeal against the OFT tobacco decision.

Sarah Love is valued for her background in economics and the attendant depth that this brings to her knowledge of the competition law world. She is considered "a really excellent junior and somebody I would consistently use." Love has played a role in several significant cases in the last year, and recently, along with Paul Harris QC, represented Ryanair as intervenor in BAA's challenge to a Competition Commission

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Sarah Lee is praised for her dedicated and intelligent approach to a wide range of matters. Her practice includes such areas as public regulatory law, and she is here singled out for her competition and EU law expertise. The last year has seen her continued involvement in the telecommunications arena, with extensive work for BT before the CAT.

Although fairly junior in call, Richard Blakeley has already attracted attention for his "impressive" competition law work, and is noted for his "responsive and practical" approach. He was a member of the team acting for the Premier League in the pay-TV appeal before the CAT, and also acted for the claimants in *Purple Parking v Heathrow Airport Limited*.

David Scannell debuts in the tables following confirmation from the market that he is "an excellent emerging talent." He focuses on commercial, competition and EU law, and is praised for his ability to synthesise a large amount of detail in a short amount of time. Scannell was one of the barristers acting for BSkyB in its pay-TV appeal before the CAT. He also represented Gatwick Airport with Mark Hoskins QC in a case against Ryanair.

Tony Singla is the last new addition to the tables from Brick Court's cache of excellent juniors, and is praised as a "junior of choice" as a result of his "ability to take complex problems and make them sound simple." He was a member of the team that acted successfully for Imperial Tobacco in its appeal against a fine imposed by the OFT.

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Energy & Natural Resources

THE SET Brick Court Chambers is amongst London's elite commercial sets. It is highly esteemed for its work in large energy disputes and handles cases concerning oil and gas sale agreements, energy taxation, joint venture agreements and oil and gas production and transportation contracts. The set boasts "an abundance of intellectual strength," and has members who offer "beautiful advice." Such is the spread of talent here that one observer commented that "when you deal with Brick Court you can expect the best, and even their young people are all very bright." Over the past year, several members of the set have acted in the high-profile *Berezovsky v Abramovich* case.

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Mark Howard QC is "one of the best in town" for energy disputes. He is a "terrific advocate," who is "very clever, very hard-working and a great strategic thinker." A man who "knows how to fight cases to win," he remains a top pick for the most complex commercial matters and was recently instructed in connection with a tariff dispute between Japan Power Generation and Pakistan Power.

The "outstanding" Helen Davies QC rises to the top of the rankings this year following market acclaim. Interviewees describe her as an "extremely clever advocate, who is sought after for her clarity of communication both orally and in written form." In the words of one client, "her brainpower gives her a real advantage." Recently, she advised on a number of high-value breach of contract claims for the likes of BP and Nuon.

Making his debut in the rankings this year, Daniel Jowell QC is identified by peers as a fine performer. As well as playing a vital role in the *Berezovsky v Abramovich* cases, he also recently acted for Dana Petroleum in its claim for damages against Woodside, securing the company

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a settlement of several million pounds.

The "excellent" Roger Masefield QC has been very active over the past year, having had involvement in the Berezovsky cases against Abramovich and Patarkatsishvili, as well as the multimillion BHPB v BP case.

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Stephen Midwinter is highly regarded for his practice in commercial disputes. Sources say he is "very bright and extremely hard-working."

Also popular, Fionn Pilbrow receives plaudits for being "very suave and incredibly good with clients." He recently represented Michael Cherney in his USD4.5 billion claim against Oleg Deripaska concerning a dispute resulting from their ostensible partnership in a Russian aluminium company.

Also recommended is Michael Bools QC, who "grasps complex points very quickly" and is "an extremely persuasive advocate who is phenomenally clever."

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Environment

THE SET Brick Court Chambers offers a comprehensive environmental law service. Its members expertly handle matters relating to numerous environmental concerns and are increasingly being instructed on high-profile matters. By way of example, they acted for the Energy & Climate Change Secretary in relation to a challenge made by Greenpeace concerning consent given for oil drilling in UK seas. They are also adept at handling large-scale judicial review cases as well as advising on EU and international matters. Recent clients have included the government of Gibraltar and an association of American airlines.

SILKS The "excellent" Richard Gordon QC is described by peers as a "delightful advocate." His recent significant work has included representing National Grid Gas in relation to a large-scale regulatory dispute. He also acts for the Environment Agency.

JUNIORS Richard Macrory focuses his practice on European and domestic environmental concerns. He is praised for being very strong academically and for having a superior knowledge of environmental law and regulations.

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Fraud: Civil

THE SET Brick Court Chambers is a set positioned at the very apex of the Commercial Bar, so it is no surprise that its members have spent the past year waist deep in high-profile, high-cost, high-stakes litigation being mounted by a number of noted Russian oligarchs in the courts of England and Wales. The set has nine members involved in the Berezovsky and Abramovich slugging match, and four acting in Cherney v Deripaska. Sources admire its barristers for "working so quickly and efficiently that the work they do really reflects value for money."

SILKS Mark Howard QC is a silk of choice for high-value civil fraud cases. He has recently been acting in the BTA Bank v Ablyazov litigation, as well as acting for the claimant in Cherney v Deripaska. Sources view him as "a top choice" for difficult cross-examination.

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Michael Swainston QC "is absolutely outstanding," according to impressed sources. This experienced fraud silk is "driven by the will to win and do well for his client." Commentators say that notwithstanding his great intellect and standing in the market he is "neither aloof nor arrogant" when dealing with clients. A notable recent instruction saw him acting for the Russian Federation in its dispute with YUKOS.

Roger Masefield QC is qualified in both the BVI and England and Wales, and has the singular distinction of acting in both *Berezovsky v Abramovich*, and *Berezovsky v Patarkatsishvili*.

JUNIORS Alec Haydon is a "very strong" junior who is "impeccable on paper." He is also "pleasant to deal with and very hard-working," according to sources, who commend the quality of his advice and his ability to handle complex jurisdictional issues. He recently succeeded in obtaining a freezing injunction against a man accused of film finance fraud, and acting in Atrium's dispute with Julius Meinl, the high-profile scion of an Austrian coffee dynasty.

"Up-and-coming" junior Fionn Pilbrow has a rising profile in fraud work and is "very good, very diligent and really sharp." He has been acting in the USD4.5 billion dispute between Cherney and Deripaska, and continues to be involved in a number of matters following on from the landmark Fiona Trust litigation.

Stephen Midwinter is a lawyer with an international practice who is much in demand. He has been handling work both on the Madoff-related cases and for high net worth individuals in the ex-Soviet bloc. He was described by interviewees as "a genuinely brilliant barrister who is loved by solicitors."

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Information Technology

Nicholas Saunders of Brick Court Chambers is an "intellectual heavyweight" who focuses his practice on technical commercial and IP law. He is a "user-friendly and approachable" barrister who draws considerable praise from client sources.

Chambers & Partners 2013: Information Technology

Insurance

THE SET Insurance and reinsurance litigation is a key area of interest at this commercial litigation thoroughbred. The set boasts an impressive client roster, and handles instructions from both public and private sector bodies. Members have a strong showing in marine and aviation insurance matters, but are also active in a variety of other sectors. Market observers agree that the set has an admirable depth of practice combined with an innovative outlook. Significant mandates in recent times have included a complex insurance dispute relating to the non-payment on delivery of USD500 million worth of gold bullion in Turkey.

SILKS Interviewees describe Neil Calver QC as "phenomenally bright." They add: "He has a very light and engaging manner and clearly puts a great deal of thought and planning into his work."

Mark Howard QC comes highly recommended for his effective advocacy style and superb cross-examination skills. He has "one of the finest legal minds at the Bar," and excels at whatever is put before him. His most recent insurance cases include *Mutual Indemnity v American*

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Patriot.

Harry Matovu QC is "charming, measured and clever. This "very smooth lawyer" acts as lead counsel on a number high-profile cases, and recently appeared in *Maritech Resources v Ironshore Insurance*, a USD20 million claim concerning offshore oil and gas installations in the Gulf of New Mexico.

Tom Adam QC has had a busy time of it recently handling a complex insurance dispute relating to the non-payment on delivery of USD500 million worth of gold bullion in Turkey, and also acting in a case involving a well-known Premier League and international footballer who suffered a career-ending injury while on international duty. Sources praise him for being "direct, hard-working and diligent."

Jonathan Hirst QC has huge experience of insurance and reinsurance disputes, and is noted for his commercial approach. Solicitors like him as "his views really count with the clients and he is responsive, even at short notice." He recently appeared in a case looking at whether a P&I's club's contract of mutual indemnity insurance given to an Iranian member had been frustrated by the imposition of a sanctions order made by HM Treasury.

Andrew Lydiard QC is a highly esteemed commercial arbitrator who handles a number of insurances. He recently acted on the *Generali v CCC* reinsurance dispute.

Michael Swainston QC's recent matters have included the *Alexandros T* case, a jurisdiction dispute concerning claims arising out of the loss of a vessel. He has also developed a particular expertise in cases coming out of Russia and the CIS.

Simon Salzedo QC is "fantastically user-friendly, and provides a high-quality of service throughout the duration of a case." He has recently been advising two major German public utilities on a high-value claim arising out of complex CDO based instruments.

Clients appreciate Helen Davies QC for her "concise, sensible and commercial advice." She is renowned for her in-depth knowledge of EU and competition law.

Richard Slade QC is "easy to work with, intelligent and able to get to the heart of a matter quickly." He has a wide-ranging practice that takes in commercial litigation, banking, insurance and reinsurance matters.

The "excellent" Roger Masfield QC is a popular choice with clients who appreciate his "no-nonsense, black and white approach." He has recently been engaged in several major pieces of litigation, such as *Equitas v Guy Carpenter*, and *SGC v Markel*.

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Intellectual Property

Nicholas Saunders of Brick Court Chambers has an admirably broad range of experience of all facets of IP, from copyright, anti-counterfeiting and design rights to patents and image rights. "Enthusiastic and hard-working," he is a top choice for solicitors looking for a barrister who can easily establish a rapport with clients.

Chambers & Partners 2013: Intellectual Property

International Arbitration: Arbitrators

Brick Court Chambers has a significant depth of arbitration expertise, exemplified by the presence within it of leading arbitrators such as the highly recommended Hilary Heilbron QC. She is experienced as both counsel and arbitrator, and has handled a wide range of disputes.

Another at this stable is Lord Hoffmann QC, who is "just legendary, and one of the pre-eminent legal minds of his generation." He is ever-popular as an arbitrator, and is highly respected for his proven expertise in the field. Sources comment that he is "as sharp as can be, incredibly diligent and hard-working" in the role of arbitrator. Jonathan Hirst QC is joint head of Brick Court Chambers, and a masterful member of the English Bar. He is widely experienced in the commercial dispute resolution arena, and is increasingly appointed as arbitrator in a range of proceedings. Another experienced advocate and arbitrator at this set is Klaus Reichert. His practice encompasses the full spectrum of commercial and investment treaty arbitration, and he is respected for his "sensible and measured approach."

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International Arbitration: General Commercial & Insurance

THE SET Brick Court stands out for its "expertise across a wide spectrum of matters," and is a well-known commercial heavyweight. Its international arbitration work is steadily increasing, and its members have appeared as advocates and arbitrators in multiple commercial disputes. The set is also developing a strong presence on the investment treaty side, and has notable expertise in arbitration appeals and enforcement. Its members impress market sources with their approachability and ability to work well as part of a team, and instructing solicitors report that the clerks are a key part of the set's success.

SILKS There is no shortage of evidence confirming that Mark Howard QC is a pre-eminent commercial silk, and his "formidable and astute mind" is put to excellent use in international arbitration. Those who have seen him in action comment that "he is just a brilliant advocate" and praise his "excellent grasp of detail and his understanding of the bigger picture." His expertise also extends to investment treaty arbitration, and his recent work has seen him work on several high-profile disputes.

Simon Salzedo QC, who took silk in 2011, has continued to attract acclaim for being a "tenacious, intelligent barrister and a strong advocate." He has acted in a range of commercial arbitrations during the past year, and is noted for his particular expertise in enforcement matters. This is exemplified by his work representing the claimant Nomihold in its attempts to enforce a USD200 million LCIA award.

Michael Swainston QC is recognised for his leading commercial expertise, and handles international arbitration and related litigation with aplomb. Sources highlight his "tremendous experience of CIS matters before all kinds of tribunals," and consider him to be "an excellent and very persuasive advocate," as well as "a great master of the detail."

JUNIORS Stephen Midwinter is a "go-to junior" who is considered to be "one of the brightest stars at the Commercial Bar at the moment." He offers particular expertise in insurance arbitration, and is also called to the British Virgin Islands Bar.

Fionn Pilbrow is highly regarded by instructing solicitors for the dedicated approach he takes to cases, and handles a broad array of commercial matters. His recent work draws on his expertise in diverse sectors including shipping, insurance and energy, and he has appeared in LCIA, LMAA and UNCITRAL proceedings.

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Media & Entertainment

Tony Singla of Brick Court Chambers garnered an impressive level of market attention, considering his comparative youth. He is adjudged to be "very bright and mature beyond his years, and has a gravitas that is well beyond his year of call." His key highlights include advising ITV in a licensing dispute with STV.

Chambers & Partners 2013: Media & Entertainment

Mediators

"An outstanding figure," observers note, Stephen Ruttle QC is praised for his strong track record for resolving marine, insurance and other commercial disputes. With great gravitas and the "weight of authority behind him," he authoritatively steers parties towards a settlement, say sources.

Hailed as a man of "great authority, a fantastic, formidable lawyer who commands respect," Tony Willis is highlighted by market sources for his international practice, frequently handling "the most difficult of cases." A commanding figure in the world of mediation, he is seen as "a statesmanlike figure" and is called upon for big-ticket commercial and regulatory matters.

"Phenomenally bright" and "a global figure in mediation," William Wood QC is a well-loved figure. Solicitors say he "is very solid, methodical and even-handed, and gets results." In highly complex disputes which demand real legal expertise and command of complex facts, solicitors say Wood has proven "instrumental in teasing out the true dispute underneath the posturing."

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Offshore

Brick Court Chambers' Mark Hapgood QC is one of the most illustrious silks at the UK Commercial Bar. As a result, he is highly sought after for those offshore cases which become oligarchical in value. He is currently advising on litigation in the BVI, defending ten of the international financial institutions from whom the Madoff feeder fund, Fairfield Sentry, is seeking to recover redemption payments. No less distinguished, Mark Howard QC attracts praise for his "excellent client handling" and devastating cross-examination skills. He has considerable experience of appearing in overseas jurisdictions.

Chambers & Partners 2013: Offshore

Professional Discipline

Martin Chamberlain QC of Brick Court Chambers is hailed as "exceptionally bright." Chamberlain is lauded by sources for his "ability to quickly grasp complex and esoteric technical issues."

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Professional Negligence

THE SET Commercial litigation heavyweight Brick Court Chambers handles a wide range of negligence matters. The past year has seen its members tackle a number of high-profile claims, particularly those arising from the financial sector. Work highlights include a number of negligence claims arising from the Parmalat collapse, and instructions from a series of law firms regarding the News International scandal. Sources praise Brick Court for being a "remarkable" set with "tremendous quality barristers" on board.

SILKS Mark Howard QC remains "right at the top of the list for big City litigation." A heavyweight silk, "he is really strong in court and a very strong analyst and cross-examiner." Howard attracts hugely complex cases.

Another favourite of solicitors for complex cases of some magnitude is the "exceptional" Tom Adam QC, who has a breadth of knowledge that enables him to take on an impressive range of substantial claims. The Credit Suisse v Linklaters claim that arose out of the demise of Parmalat is indicative of the type of work he handles.

Charles Hollander QC is "an extremely impressive advocate who is very thorough and handles matters with fantastic skill." Sources applaud his "piercingly crisp" advocacy, and use him for matters of great import.

Sources expect Simon Salzedo QC to go far in silk. "Technically superb," "he is an advocate who is clear in his advice" and "excellent to work with." He has recently been retained to act for a Big 4 accountancy firm in a multimillion-pound claim relating to tax advice.

The formidable Tim Lord QC is a well-known presence at the Bar. His practice is impressive in scope, with interviewees highlighting his capabilities in complex financial negligence matters.

JUNIORS Jonathan Dawid has an extensive commercial practice which features plenty of professional negligence work within it. He has been instructed in heavyweight claims such as Baxendale-Walker v Middleton and Others, a claim by a tax adviser concerning expert reports.

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Shipping & Commodities

Richard Lord QC of Brick Court Chambers is a commercial litigator whose practice is heavily concentrated on the shipping and energy sectors. He is "pragmatic and tactically astute," and lauded as "technically excellent on insurance work." In terms of the latter he has recently undertaken several total loss marine claims, as well as a number of commodity and marine construction disputes.

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Sport

THE SET Brick Court's commercial and competition and EU law strengths transfer neatly into the sports sector, no more so than this year when no fewer than six members of chambers were involved in the QC Leisure case, which determined that the Premier League cannot license its rights on a country by country basis. This case has huge implications not just for the Premier League, but for all sports and media rights holders. Client sources enjoy working with a set where barristers and clerks combine to ensure "that they are simply really easy to deal with." "Always straightforward in terms of availability and fees, they just offer a great service."

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SILKS Charles Hollander QC's distinguished practice at the Bar spans many different areas of the law, sports law being one of them. While his principal focus remains commercial litigation, he continues to be involved with a number of cases which touch upon the sports sector. He recently chaired the arbitration deciding the Leyton Orient FC v Premier League dispute, a hugely high-profile and significant case concerning West Ham FC's proposed tenancy of the Stratford Olympic Stadium.

Nicholas Green QC is the joint head of Brick Court Chambers. He is principally recommended for sports cases with a competition angle to them, although he has undertaken a very broad range of regulatory and commercial disputes for clients in the football and athletic fields. He has recently advised LOCOG on the dispute resolution systems for the London 2012 Olympic Games.

Mark Hoskins QC is another member of Brick Court's competition group who has made significant inroads into the sports sector. He was instructed by Virgin Media in the appeals by BSkyB,

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Tax

Recent silk Daniel Jowell QC of Brick Court Chambers enters the rankings this year after attracting significant praise for his EU tax expertise. Although Jowell is not exclusively dedicated to tax law, his considerable and rare knowledge of EU legislation is increasingly utilised in some of the most important tax cases. He has been involved in the landmark Philips Electronics v HMRC matter, and is viewed by commentators as being someone who is "tipped for the top."

Chambers & Partners 2013: Tax

Telecommunications

THE SET This elite competition and regulatory set is fast building up the critical mass needed to elevate it to the top band of the telecommunications table. Its acclaimed silks and good mix of skill and experience within its senior junior ranks mean that it is a fine choice for this type of work. It is further blessed in having clerks who are "really easy to deal with," and who prove straightforward in their dealings when it comes to fee negotiation.

SILKS Nicholas Green QC is amongst the best and brightest competition and regulatory law experts in the field, and has managed cases in all of the major courts, including the CAT and the ECJ. He takes a keen interest in matters with an antitrust, sovereign immunity and above all international bent, and is regularly instructed by telecoms giants and national regulators the world over. By way of example, he appeared in EMTEL v TA and Others, a case concerning the Mauritian telecoms market.

Marie Demetriou QC is "clear, concise and a pleasure to work with." She represented Opal Telecom in its intervention in challenges to Ofcom's decision regarding termination charges for calls to 0845 and 0870 numbers.

JUNIORS Kelyn Bacon has acted as sole counsel for Telefónica O2 in its long-running intervention in four parallel CAT appeals regarding mobile call termination charges. She is recommended along with Robert O'Donoghue, who is "bright and well received by tribunals." A recent highlight for him was representing O2 before the EU Commission and Office of Fair Trading in a case concerning the merger of T-Mobile and Orange in the UK.

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