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Client Service at the Bar

Brick Court Chambers' clients line up to attest to the set's "thoroughly modern approach," which has its foundations in the client-focused approach of its clerksroom. The clerking team is "run like clockwork" by a triumvirate of senior clerks – Ian Moyler, Julian Hawes and Deborah Anderson – providing a service that "is so good it is like visiting a five-star hotel." The phenomenal professionalism exhibited by the set's clerks is mirrored by the set's counsel. These are "barristers with no airs and graces," who "understand the pressures that solicitors are under, and grasp everything from a commercial perspective."

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Leading Sets by Number of Rankings

Brick Court Chambers is without a shadow of a doubt one of the foremost sets of barristers' chambers in the country. Whilst there is a temptation to look back to the set's illustrious history, this is an outfit which is very much aware of what it takes to remain at the pinnacle of the British legal market. All of its 77 members, including 37 silks, are "incredibly client-focused, engaged and proactive." They fully understand the importance of client service, have "a thoroughly modern approach" and "always go the extra mile for the client." The mortar holding Brick Court Chambers together is its superlative clerking team, which "is so good it makes going to the set akin to visiting a five-star hotel." "Everything runs like clockwork," as "the clerking team is sharp and has its finger on the pulse." The clerks know the set's members so well that solicitors are "always happy to take their recommendations." Chambers is focused on commercial law, public law, and competition and EU law. Members handle each of these disciplines with aplomb, and include in their ranks some big names of the Bar including "legendary cross-examiner" Mark Howard QC and Stephen Midwinter QC, a man with "brilliant analytical capacity." The set has recently added prestigious Scottish advocate James Wolffe QC to its stellar cast.

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Administrative & Public Law

Brick Court Chambers continues to command considerable respect for its administrative and public law practice with an emphasis on commercial and regulatory matters. Its members also handle judicial review proceedings for an array of public clients, and are well known for bringing an impressive command of EU law to all of their work. They act for claimants and defendants.

Client service: "The clerking there is so good that the service is like that you would expect from a five-star hotel."

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David Anderson QC

Has an outstanding reputation for handling public law cases involving public international law, EU law and human rights. He frequently appears in the High Court.

Expertise: "He is fabulous - a very attractive advocate." "He is an absolutely excellent advocate, who commands the confidence of the court."

Recent work: Defended Ofcom in a challenge from a radio DJ who claimed that the organisation was in breach of his right to freedom of

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expression.

Richard Gordon QC

Handles complex public law matters involving procurement, the media, constitutional law and human rights. He also handles cases concerning healthcare and social care.

Expertise: “He has very wide knowledge in this field, and provides innovative and flexible advice on complex legal issues at very short notice.” “He shows complete mastery in cases before the Court of Appeal and the Supreme Court.”

Recent work: Acted for London Metropolitan University in a successful application for permission to apply for a judicial review of a decision taken by the UK Border Agency. The case concerned the status of the University’s overseas students.

Martin Chamberlain QC

Acts for defendants and claimants in a variety of public law matters. His areas of expertise include transport, human rights, broadcast media, rendition, terrorism and prisoners’ rights.

Expertise: “He is a superb barrister: extremely balanced and incredibly bright.” “He will be a superstar in silk. He is extremely calm, and a lucid and dignified advocate who commands the respect of the court.”

Recent work: Acted for the claimant in a challenge concerning the legality of UK participation in US drone attacks in Pakistan.

Mark Hoskins QC

Handles public law matters that fall within the purview of EU law. He demonstrates particular expertise in cases concerning competition damages claims.

Expertise: “He is a very calm advocate.”

Alan Maclean QC

Acts on a variety of public law matters. He demonstrates particular expertise in cases concerning the aviation industry, the provision of healthcare, and broadcast media organisations.

Expertise: “He is very good, very responsive, and adds a lot of value by simplifying complex arguments.” “He is a class act.”

Recent work: Successfully defended the Water Services Regulation Authority in a judicial review brought by Thames Water. The appeal was brought following Ofwat’s decision to replace Thames Water as sewerage undertaker at a development in London’s King’s Cross.

Jemima Stratford QC

Has handled a broad range of public law cases, including those concerning data protection, child abuse, allegations of torture, tax, the tobacco industry and discrimination. She is also noted for her expertise in cases involving medicine.

Expertise: “She is very user-friendly, very smart and hard-working.” “She is excellent: very good on detail, and not frightened of telling you the facts.”

Recent work: Acted for Novartis in a case concerning the legality of guidelines issued by Private Care Trusts for the prescription of pharmaceuticals.

Marie Demetriou QC

Has established a public law practice that draws on her expertise in EU law. A number of her cases have concerned healthcare, human rights and questions of free movement.

Expertise: “She is smart and user-friendly.”

Recent work: Acted for Addison Lee in a judicial review challenge to Transport for London’s bus lanes policy, which allows black cabs, but

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not minicabs, to use London bus lanes.

Sydney Kentridge QC

Has handled some of the most complex, innovative and prominent cases in public law.

Expertise: “He is the barrister you instruct if you have a difficult case to run. He will handle it with tremendous charm and aplomb.”

Recent work: Acted for a group of Chagossians in connection with their expulsion from the Chagos Islands by the UK government in the 1960s.

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Maya Lester

Maintains a broad public law practice involving the education and energy sectors. She also engages with designations of terrorism and the rights of foreign nationals, and is noted for her expertise in EU law and judicial review.

Expertise: “She is a very creative public lawyer who has an instinctive understanding of where a case is going.” “A very talented lawyer who is very good on her feet. She always comes across very well and has a real feel for public law.”

Recent work: Acted for London Metropolitan University in a judicial review of the UK Border Agency’s decision to terminate its licence to receive overseas students.

Victoria Wakefield

Frequently instructed in cases concerning immigration, healthcare, community care and the rights of the disabled. She demonstrates particular proficiency in judicial review.

Expertise: “She is very personable and very hard-working, and can endear herself to clients and solicitors alike.” “She is a very tenacious, efficient and clear advocate in court.”

Recent work: Acted for several charities in a Supreme Court case concerning the obligations of local authorities to the disabled.

Sarah Love

Advises and acts for a range of clients, including charities, public authorities, government departments, private and public companies, and individuals. She is experienced in the handling of cases concerning transport, banking and telecommunications.

Expertise: “She has the law at her fingertips and is also brilliant with technical evidence.”

Recent work: Acted for BT in a case concerning Ofcom’s decision to impose a ‘wholesale must offer’ remedy on Sky.

Kelyn Bacon

Specialises in public law matters involving tax, state aid, transport, healthcare, technology markets and pharmaceuticals. She demonstrates particular expertise in EU law.

Expertise: “She is very quick at legal analysis, good at drafting, and an excellent advocate.”

Recent work: Acted for the GMC in a judicial review concerning the use of hearsay evidence in a fitness to practise panel.

Oliver Jones

Handles public law matters involving gambling, education and infrastructure. He offers additional expertise in public international law.

Expertise: “He is user-friendly and a safe pair of hands in difficult litigation.”

Recent work: Acted for Waltham Forest in a successful challenge to the Secretary of State for Education’s decision to cancel the £55 billion Building Schools for the Future Programme.

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Aviation

This “heavyweight set for commercial legal matters” advises, amongst other things, on the insurance aspects of theft of aircraft, as well as the competition work covering slot allocation and fuel surcharges.

Client service: “The clerks we deal with there are straight down the line with you and always accommodate our requests for access or urgent advice - I cannot fault them.”

SILKS

Andrew Lydiard QC

He is a respected practitioner in commercial litigation and arbitration, and is highly practised in aviation and insurance disputes.

Expertise: “A first-rate intellect.” “Excellent and very user-friendly.”

Neil Calver QC

His broad commercial practice takes in aviation matters of great complexity.

Expertise: “Neil is a staunch advocate and a good listener. He has an easy manner with no airs and graces, but there is plenty of steel there - and he is of course no intellectual slouch. He has a strong sense of ownership of the case, which gives clients confidence.”

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Banking & Finance

This highly regarded set has continued to see a steady flow of banking cases as a result of the global financial crisis. Renowned for its expertise in commercial law, it has members who are regularly instructed on sophisticated, high-value disputes in the banking and finance sphere.

Market sources applaud the quality of the members here and highlight their depth of experience and technical expertise. Solicitors continue to instruct them on a broad range of financial cases, including retail and investment banking disputes as well as insolvency-related matters.

Members of the set also have significant experience of European law and public law. “A very strong set. The barristers exhibit strong technical expertise and commercial awareness, and will always go the extra mile for the client.”

Client service: “The clerks are very responsive and friendly. They are always available and always call back.”

SILKS

Mark Hapgood QC

Commands all-round respect for his vast experience and specialist knowledge within the banking sector. He is widely acknowledged for his commercial fraud expertise.

Expertise: “Mark is particularly adept at cutting to the heart of complicated issues and presenting them simply and clearly. He provides practical, commercial and strategic advice, and is a very persuasive advocate.”

“A leader in the field, he’s an advocate with true gravitas who is responsive, strategic, effective and great to work with.”

Mark Howard QC

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Has a strong commercial practice with a significant element of banking work attached to it. He is widely acknowledged as one of the 'go-to' silks for complex, high-value banking cases.

Expertise: "He is always very well prepared for his meetings and court appearances, and never fails to deploy the materials given to him. He gives clever, shrewd and realistic advice and above all excels in cross-examination."

"A first-rate advocate. Gives clear firm advice and sticks to it."

Recent work: Acted in VTB Capital Plc v Nutritek, a fraudulent misrepresentation matter pertaining to a USD225 million loan facility.

Tim Lord QC

He is held in high esteem by both counsel and instructing solicitors for his abilities and experience in heavyweight banking and finance matters. Has taken on a number of cases against major banks.

Expertise: "A great strategist, who hones in on the critical issues in large, complex cases, and is capable of delivering crippling blows to unwary opponents in court. His client skills are second to none at the Bar."

"A delight to deal with, he's a fantastic lawyer who exhibits relentless optimism and focus. He's remarkably good at putting together a team of juniors and better than anyone I've seen at co-ordinating a team."

Recent work: Acted for the claimant in the widely reported Libor test case, Graiseley v Barclays.

Neil Calver QC

Has a broad commercial practice encompassing insurance, banking, aviation and international arbitration law. He regularly sits as a party-appointed arbitrator.

Expertise: "Strategically impressive and a fine team player."

Recent work: Involved in Fidelity v Constant Capital, a case concerning a Master Repo Agreement.

Jasbir Dhillon QC

A well-regarded new silk with significant experience of handling a broad range of complex commercial matters. He has particular expertise in banking cases and is recommended for his knowledge of derivatives and complex structured products.

Expertise: "Sharp and excellent, on derivatives and finance issues in particular."

Recent work: Represented the claimant in SNCB v UBS, a complex structured finance action.

Andrew Henshaw QC

A former solicitor and new silk, Henshaw has an active banking practice and is particularly knowledgeable on financial regulation matters.

Expertise: "Extremely approachable, he's good to deal with and picks up on complex financial issues very quickly. His advice is always very clear and very helpful, and he's very prompt and responsive."

Recent work: Acted in a Commercial Court claim in connection with the sale of structured notes.

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Simon Birt

A sought-after junior, who has a strong commercial practice with a significant emphasis on work in the banking sector. He has an excellent reputation among peers and instructing solicitors.

Expertise: "He is extremely intelligent and user-friendly, and always has a full grasp of complex details. He's unquestionably one of the top commercial juniors."

"Very impressive in his written work and analysis."

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Recent work: Led by David Railton QC in the highly publicised Deutsche Bank v Sebastian Holdings, a multibillion-dollar matter concerning FX and equities trading.

Stephen Midwinter

He works across a range of practice areas and impresses peers with his practical approach and excellent written work. He has notable experience in insurance and professional negligence claims.

Expertise: “A really good junior. He’s very swift, deals with clients well, sees the points and sets them out succinctly and practically.”

“He produces very lean, focused and strategically astute pleadings, quickly boils down complex issues, and is clear and compelling on his feet.”

Recent work: Instructed in KWL v UBS, a high-value misrepresentation action by a German local authority.

Jonathan Dawid

He focuses his practice on banking cases, professional negligence claims and commercial fraud matters. Regularly appears in high-value proceedings.

Expertise: “Quick to grasp complex issues.”

Recent work: Led by Mark Hapgood QC in a complex USD320 million claim on behalf of UBS against various defendants including Leipzig waterworks, KWL. The case concerned money owing under CDO transactions.

Fionn Pilbrow

Has a broad practice spanning a wide range of areas, including professional negligence, civil fraud and international trade. He has notable banking expertise and is often instructed by major City firms.

Recent work: Involved in CF Partners v Barclays Bank and Tricorona, a high-value breach of confidence claim.

Craig Morrison

He is active in a number of large-scale banking disputes and is regularly led by leading commercial silks at the Bar. Consistently impresses peers with his intellectual abilities and easy manner.

Expertise: “A quick thinking junior who is a delight to work with.”

“A very impressive, very strong technical lawyer.”

Recent work: Acted for a Belgian state railway company, led by Jasbir Dhillon QC, in a complex banking dispute against UBS.

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Civil Liberties & Human Rights

Brick Court Chambers continues to offer advice and representation in a broad range of civil liberties and human rights matters. Areas of expertise include cases concerning deportation, detention, the rights of refugees, alleged state complicity in acts of torture, and the rights and obligations of commercial organisations. Members appear before domestic and international courts for both claimants and defendants.

SILKS

Richard Gordon QC

Offers advice and representation in domestic and international human rights matters concerning an impressive range of issues, including freedom of expression, unlawful detention and self-incrimination. He is also proficient in cases involving questions of commercial

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rights.

Expertise: “One of the first ports of call for anything involving human rights.”

Recent work: Acted in a case concerning the nature and the limitations of the privilege against self-incrimination in Hong Kong.

Jemima Stratford QC

Maintains a strong and diverse human rights practice covering a range of public law matters, including instances of torture, discrimination, human trafficking and child abuse. She is an authority on EU law.

Expertise: “She is incredibly sharp, incredibly hard-working, and also very easy to work with.”

Recent work: Acted for the Foreign and Commonwealth Office in a case concerning the matter of state immunity in instances of alleged torture.

Marie Demetriou QC

Focuses her human rights practice on cases involving the rights of refugees, terrorist asset freezing, asylum and mental health. Her work in this area frequently draws on her expertise in EU law.

Expertise: “She is amazing - very impressive.”

Recent work: Appeared before the European Court of Justice for the UN Commissioner for Refugees in a case concerning the rights of Palestinian refugees in the context of the Geneva Convention.

Martin Chamberlain QC

Handles a variety of significant human rights matters. His areas of expertise include counter-terrorism, the conduct of the military, torture, immunity of the Crown, and cases relating to transport and broadcast media.

Expertise: “He is very bright and completely unflappable.” “He is really impressive and great to work with: a reserved but very effective and respected advocate.”

Recent work: Acted for the claimant in a challenge concerning the involvement of the UK in US drone attacks in Pakistan.

JUNIORS

Maya Lester

Specialises in cases concerning the human rights implications of targeted sanctions and allegations of terrorist activity. Her expertise in national security frequently brings her into contact with matters involving freedom of information.

Expertise: “She combines being very clever with having a good practical outlook.” “She is creative and excellent on paper.”

Recent work: Acted for the claimant, one Mr Kadi, in a judicial review challenge concerning the decision of the EU and the UN to include him on the post-9/11 terrorist sanctions list.

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Commercial Dispute Resolution

Brick Court is perennially counted among the nation’s elite sets for commercial dispute resolution work, with its members regularly acting in the most complex and high-value litigations and arbitrations. Market observers note that “the barristers exhibit strong technical expertise and commercial awareness,” while a number of interviewees point to a formidable strength in depth at both silk and junior level. The set is also identified for its outstanding commitment to client service, with interviewees highlighting a clerking team that will “always go the extra mile

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for the client.”

Client service: “Their commercial sense is excellent. They understand cost pressures and adapt their approach to the client and the situation.”

SILKS

Mark Howard QC

Widely considered to be one of the stars of the Commercial Bar. Howard elicits nothing but praise from market sources, who invariably attest to his superior abilities of analysis, argument and strategy. His broad practice covers the full spectrum of commercial law, and he is also noted for his attendant expertise in competition law.

Expertise: “Mark Howard has a formidable reputation as one of the most prominent commercial silks at the Bar.” “A first-rate advocate. He gives clear, firm advice and sticks to it.”

Recent work: In *Sky v EDS*, a case concerning fraudulent representations made by EDS during pre-contract negotiations, Howard showcased his creative approach to advocacy by obtaining an online MBA for his dog Lulu, with grades superior to those ‘achieved’ by the key EDS witness he discredited.

Mark Hapgood QC

This heavyweight silk is routinely instructed in the most complex and high-value commercial disputes at the London Bar. Areas of excellence among his broad commercial expertise include financial services disputes and insolvency-related litigation.

Expertise: “Exceptional. Extremely bright and quick to focus on the issues.”

“Mark is particularly adept at cutting to the heart of complicated issues and presenting them simply and clearly. He provides practical, commercial and strategic advice and is a very persuasive advocate.”

Recent work: Led in two disputes on behalf of Russian oligarch Boris Berezovsky against his former business associates, with each dispute being valued in excess of USD1 billion.

Charles Hollander QC

Ascends to the top tier of commercial silks after receiving outstanding feedback for a broad commercial and chancery practice. He is noted for sector specialisms pertaining to the media and sports industries.

Expertise: “Charles is a formidable advocate and his intellect and ability to distil down complex issues are second to none.” “A class act, brilliant on his feet and able to answer complex legal questions in a concise and user-friendly style.”

Recent work: He acted in an eight-week commercial fraud trial in Hong Kong, concerning a Taiwanese company with investments in China and Hong Kong.

Simon Salzedo QC

Salzedo’s practice continues to gather pace since he took silk in 2011. His broad commercial caseload encompasses the core areas of banking and finance, insurance, professional negligence and arbitration.

Expertise: “Simon is a technically superb, crisp and clear advocate who is excellent to work with.” “His advocacy is compelling. He is passionate about his arguments and draws people along with him.”

Recent work: He defended US technology giant 3M in a trial concerning money it allegedly owed Porton Capital under an earn-out agreement. The case made national headlines when it was perceived to cause the downfall of Defence Secretary Liam Fox.

Jonathan Hirst QC

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This highly experienced QC covers the full spectrum of commercial litigation and arbitration, including disputes concerning banking and finance, shipping, insurance and competition law. He is commended by sources for his astute and tenacious advocacy.

Expertise: “He justifies his reputation as a leading senior silk at the Bar. He is great with clients and has real presence.”

Recent work: Hirst acted in *Gécamines v F.G. Hemisphere Associates LLC*, a case concerning the liability of state-owned corporations for the debts of the state.

Helen Davies QC

A highly respected litigator and arbitrator with an impressive track record in the Commercial Court, the Chancery Division of the High Court and the Court of Appeal. Aside from her commercial law focus, she is noted for her expertise in EU and competition law.

Expertise: “Top notch - certainly a future star if not a current star. She can do the strategic advice because she’s all over the facts.”

Recent work: Successfully defended Roman Abramovich in the USD8 billion claim for alleged intimidation and breach of trust in *Berezovsky v Abramovich*.

Tim Lord QC

Focuses on commercial litigation generally and banking and finance disputes particularly, and receives strong approval from market sources for his fast-developing silk’s practice.

Expertise: “Tim Lord is a rising star of the Commercial Bar. As well as being highly intelligent and expert in the law, he has a very good grasp of litigation and commercial tactics, and is a particularly skilled and intrepid advocate.” “He is very bright and a creative thinker.”

Recent work: He acted in *Fortress v Blue Skye*, a case concerning an alleged conspiracy regarding a EUR200 million investment structure.

Daniel Jowell QC

Since taking silk in 2011, Jowell has impressed observers with his commercial law and competition/EU practice. He is a high-quality advocate with strong cross-examination skills and an exceptional attitude to client service.

Expertise: “One of the outstanding junior silks at the Commercial Bar. He is a future mega star.”

Recent work: Jowell acted for Roman Abramovich in his USD8 billion dispute with Boris Berezovsky. Following this up, he acted for Oleg Deripaska in the defence of a USD3 billion claim over aluminium assets by Michael Cherney.

Neil Calver QC

Handles commercial dispute resolution as part of a broader practice encompassing areas such as banking and finance law, public law and international arbitration.

Expertise: “He has an easy manner but there is plenty of steel there. He likes to win - he has a nice sense of ownership of the case which gives the clients confidence.”

Recent work: In *Sumco v Solsonica*, Calver acted for Solsonica in a successful jurisdictional challenge under the Brussels Convention.

Harry Matovu QC

Handles general commercial litigation and arbitration, and is noted for his expertise in oil and gas disputes, insurance and reinsurance and civil fraud.

Expertise: “He’s absolutely charming and has such a good brain. He always delivers in a timely way and you feel that he’s part of your team. An extremely able man.”

Recent work: Matovu acted for Gulf Keystone in long-running litigation with Excalibur Ventures concerning a USD1.6 billion claim relating to interests in major oilfields in Iraqi Kurdistan.

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Alan Maclean QC

A respected commercial litigator and arbitrator who has been instructed in some of the most newsworthy matters of late. For example, he acted as lead counsel to the BBC Review of the Newsnight/Jimmy Savile saga. His areas of expertise include financial services, civil fraud, energy and insurance.

Expertise: “A clever and formidable junior silk, who is particularly effective on fraud cases. Combines excellent client skills with robust and effective advocacy.”

Recent work: He led the defence of the ‘Salford Defendants’ in the highly publicised oligarch litigation, *Berezovsky v Hine & Ors*.

Michael Bools QC

Has impressed market sources since taking silk in 2012. The core of his practice is general commercial litigation, both at trial and appellate level, and he also has a noted arbitration practice.

Expertise: “Extremely clever, very responsive and a pleasure to work with.” “Manages to translate sound academic knowledge of the law into highly practical commercial advice.”

Recent work: Bools acted for the Bambino Trust in defending an action brought against it by Constantin Medien. This was a fraud claim concerning the alleged sale of Formula 1 at an under value.

Michael Swainston QC

He is recognised for his broad commercial litigation, arbitration and advisory practice. Much of his practice reflects his expertise and experience in cases with a connection to Russia and the Commonwealth of Independent States.

Expertise: “A hugely impressive silk. Michael comes up with winning arguments quickly and without any fuss.”

Recent work: Acted in *VTB Capital v Universal Telecom Strategies Fund SPC* in a Cayman Islands’ Court of Appeal case concerning a large bank fraud.

Tom Adam QC

Impresses observers with his broad commercial expertise. His areas of excellence include professional negligence, civil fraud and insurance.

Expertise: “Ferociously bright.” “He always knows the documents in a case inside out.”

Recent work: Adam successfully acted for a syndicate of investors who had been deceived into investing in a land development scheme in Bulgaria.

Catharine Otton-Goulder QC

She is routinely instructed in complex cases pertaining to a broad range of industry sectors. Sources attest to her forceful and effective advocacy style.

Recent work: Otton-Goulder successfully maintained an order to freeze USD215 million following the sale of a Nigerian offshore oilfield by a Nigerian agent acting on behalf of the Nigerian oil minister.

Richard Slade QC

Recognised for his handling of commercial law, banking and finance disputes and insurance and reinsurance matters.

Expertise: “Excellent at cutting to the heart of the matter and very user-friendly.” “He’s decisive and fully engaged.”

Recent work: He acted in *Alliance Bank v Aquanta*, a USD1 billion claim stemming from the misappropriation of securities.

Jasbir Dhillon QC

A new silk in 2013, Dhillon has been receiving strong reviews for his commercial dispute resolution practice for some time. His principal area

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of expertise is banking and finance law, while his practice also encompasses areas such as company law, insolvency and EU and competition law.

Expertise: “He is fiercely bright and really a very impressive guy.” “An intelligent, sound lawyer who is good on detail and the law.”

Recent work: He represented the Belgian state railway in a USD9 million claim against UBS stemming from a structured finance product.

Andrew Henshaw QC

Another 2013 silk, Henshaw is noted for his broad commercial litigation practice and his recognised expertise in banking and derivatives matters.

Expertise: “Andrew is very able, clear-minded and responsive.” “He’s very user-friendly and a great person to have on your team.”

Recent work: Prior to taking silk, he acted in AstraZeneca v Albermarle, a Commercial Court dispute concerning the supply of chemicals for pharmaceutical manufacture. Also acted in the high-profile Berezovsky v Abramovich litigation.

Roger Masefield QC

Brick Court’s third new commercial silk of 2013 is noted by observers for his handling of a broad range of commercial matters, including banking, civil fraud and insurance cases.

Expertise: “An absolutely superb advocate. He’s brilliantly persuasive, reads the court to perfection and demonstrably changes the judge’s mind. He’s persistent without being tedious and is one of the most polished advocates at the Bar.”

Recent work: Masefield has devoted a great deal of time to the representation of Russian oligarch Boris Berezovsky in Berezovsky v Abramovich, v Estate of Patarkatsishvili, v Anisimov, and v Salford.

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Thomas Plewman SC

Since commencing his London practice in 2010 following a highly respected silk’s career in South Africa, Plewman has quickly gathered a loyal following. He is particularly recognised for his handling of cases involving areas such as insurance, accountant’s professional negligence, banking and company law.

Expertise: “Thomas is very experienced, being an SC in South Africa, and has a great track record on accountancy claims.”

Recent work: He acted in Deutsche Bank v Sebastian Holdings, a case involving a claim and counterclaim for losses incurred on a foreign exchange and equity trading portfolio.

Simon Birt

Recognised for his broad commercial litigation and arbitration practice. Areas of excellence include financial services, insurance and professional negligence.

Expertise: “He is extremely intelligent and user-friendly, and always has a full grasp of complex details. He is unquestionably one of the top commercial juniors.”

Recent work: Birt acted for Sebastian Holdings in its dispute with Deutsche Bank. The case revolved around a number of alleged failings of the bank with respect to derivatives transactions which culminated in heavy losses for Birt’s client.

Fionn Pilbrow

Receives strong approval from peers and instructing solicitors alike. His dispute resolution practice spans the full spectrum of commercial law, and takes in insurance, banking, civil fraud and professional negligence cases.

Expertise: “A star of the junior Commercial Bar. He is very good on his feet.”

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Recent work: Acted for Michael Cherney in his USD4.5 billion claim against Oleg Deripaska, stemming from their alleged partnership in RUSAL.

Stephen Midwinter

An experienced advocate at all levels of the English court system, representing clients in a full range of commercial disputes. In addition, Midwinter is a member of the Bar of the British Virgin Islands, enabling him to advise on a number of jurisdiction disputes and international matters.

Expertise: “A first-class junior, who is calm and clear thinking in his advice. Extremely impressive.” “A supremely confident and effective advocate, punching well above his call.”

Recent work: Midwinter acted in RBS v Ocean Tankers, a USD100 million claim to enforce bank charges over ships.

Alec Haydon

A senior junior with an enviable track record across the entire spectrum of commercial disputes.

Expertise: “He is extremely technically proficient. He has an excellent practice and is very well liked by his clients and his opponents. A real delight, he's very sensible, very measured and very effective.”

Recent work: He was led by Catharine Otton-Goulder QC in Energy Ventures v Malabu, a case concerning a USD100 million unpaid commission following the sale of an offshore Nigerian oilfield.

Tony Singla

A fast-emerging talent in commercial and competition law, who continues to receive plaudits for his broad expertise as a commercial litigator.

Expertise: “A real star for the future. He does an excellent job every time, and works at a level well beyond his year of call.”

Recent work: He acted for ITV in a £30 million contractual licensing dispute with Scottish Television, settling shortly prior to the Commercial Court trial.

Colin West

Focuses his practice on commercial litigation and arbitration, and is recognised for his expertise in contractual disputes, insurance and reinsurance and civil fraud cases.

Expertise: “Sharp, technically excellent and a very strong advocate.”

Recent work: He acted in Bilta v Nazir & Others, a £38 million claim stemming from an alleged carousel VAT fraud.

Jonathan Dawid

Enters the rankings for the first time having received strong feedback from market sources for his commercial dispute practice. Areas of excellence include banking and finance law, commercial fraud and professional negligence.

Expertise: “An asset to the team. He's very good with tricky technical points of both law and fact.” “He's very, very bright and he's got that real commercial touch. He understands what clients want and, more importantly, what they should want.”

Recent work: In Berezovsky v Hine & Ors he acted for the estate and family of the late Badri Patarkatsishvil, defending claims by his former business partner.

Oliver Jones

Continues to make strides since his 2009 call, and is regularly instructed in high-value commercial disputes. His practice also encompasses administrative law and public international law.

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Expertise: “Oliver is a very promising junior, hard-working, highly intelligent and very easy to work with.” “Oliver Jones demonstrates a commercial approach and impressive command of detail.”

Recent work: He acted for Sebastian Holdings in its dispute with Deutsche Bank following losses suffered from derivatives transactions.

Fred Hobson

He is noted for his handling of a broad range of commercial law and banking and finance disputes.

Expertise: “A good up-and-coming guy who has the brains for any case.”

Recent work: Hobson was part of the team defending Vasily Anisimov in his well-publicised litigation with Boris Berezovsky.

Gerard Rothschild

Rothschild is fast gaining a reputation as one of the leading commercial barristers. He is experienced in cases with an international dimension, and has acted on some of the most important cases of recent years.

Expertise: “A highly intelligent counsel whose soft-spoken and quiet manner disguises a determined and able advocate.”

Recent work: He acted in Michael Cherney v Oleg Deripaska, a USD4 billion Commercial Court case.

Sarah Abram

Focuses her practice on commercial litigation and arbitration, and is strong on competition and EU law. Instructing solicitors speak of her as an able and impressive junior with a promising future at the Commercial Bar.

Expertise: “She’s an incredibly fast worker, seriously clever and very user-friendly and versatile.”

Recent work: Abram acted in Fortress Value Recovery Fund v Blue Skye Special Opportunities Fund, representing the defendant in a dispute regarding an investment structure.

Richard Blakeley

This rising star of commercial law and competition and EU law is noted for his handling of a series of high-profile cases, including a number of the recent oligarch cases.

Expertise: “An intelligent and hard-working junior.” “He has a great ‘can-do’ attitude.”

Recent work: He acted in Aeroflot Russian Airlines v Berezovsky and Glushkov, defending Boris Berezovsky from a £15 million claim to enforce a Russian judgment.

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Competition Law

The set continues to enjoy a fine reputation as one of the strongest and most impressive competition offerings at the Bar. “A first-class chambers for competition and public law cases,” it has quality at both silk and junior level, and is known for its ability to consistently produce emerging new talent. Regularly involved in the most complex competition cases, it routinely tackles those matters that have the greatest market impact.

Client service: “Julian Hawes and Ian Moyler, the clerks at Brick Court, are very good - they are organised, responsive and user-friendly.” They are both “professional and slick.”

SILKS

Nicholas Green QC

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Often instructed on the standout cases in the field, Green is respected for his knowledge, excellent advocacy skills, and ability to handle matters on an international scale.

Expertise: “A superstar in this area and a god of competition law in the UK.”

“He grasps the international aspects of deals, and does not win the battle in the UK only to lose the war internationally. He crafts strategies that have global awareness in mind.”

Recent work: Advised MMF in a private, standalone damages claim based upon alleged violations of EU and UK competition law. The case regarded excessive interchange fees against merchants.

Mark Brealey QC

A widely respected silk, praised for his impressive advocacy skills and his ability to work with clients. Has a broad practice and is vastly experienced in cartel matters, follow-on damages claims and abuse of dominance cases.

Expertise: “A team player, who presents well before clients,” “he is very good on his feet, very intuitive and knows what the audience is looking for.”

“He produces compelling arguments when handling complex matters.”

Recent work: He represented BASF before the Supreme Court, successfully arguing that a claim for damages by BCL had been made out of time and that such time limits were not in breach of EU law.

Helen Davies QC

Recognised for both her competition and commercial expertise, she is praised for her ability to successfully interchange between different practice areas. Has strong experience in OFT investigations.

Expertise: “Always impressive, she is very practical, hardworking and excellent with clients.”

Recent work: Represented The FA Premier League in an appeal to the Competition Appeal Tribunal (CAT) in respect of the pay-TV decision regarding premium sports channels.

James Flynn QC

Recognised for his vast experience in competition matters and his ability to work with others. He is frequently sought out for challenging and complex cases as a result of his impressive advocacy and advisory skills. Flynn demonstrates expertise in a variety of sectors including the IP, broadcasting and telecommunications spheres.

Expertise: “He puts clients at their ease and generates confidence. A very accomplished advocate, he has a subtle yet very effective cross-examination technique.”

“He is an iron fist in a velvet glove.”

Recent work: Successfully represented ASDA in the appeal to the CAT relating to the infringement decision and fines imposed concerning the pricing of cigarettes.

Mark Hoskins QC

Singled out for his outstanding reputation in competition damages work. Has experience acting in some of the most complex cartel cases in the market. He is regularly seen leading cases before the CAT and the EU courts.

Expertise: “He has a laser-like clarity that makes judges lean forward and pay attention.”

“First rate on his feet, he is crisp, to the point and unruffled by others.”

Recent work: Represented ABB in National Grid v ABB & Others, a damages case following the finding of a cartel.

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Aidan Robertson QC

Commended for his commercial approach to competition work. He is highly experienced in cartel and OFT investigation matters, both before the courts and in an advisory capacity.

Expertise: “Highly commercial and cuts to the heart of issues.”

“Very punchy, he is a quality barrister.”

Recent work: He acted for Interclass in a successful appeal against the cartel penalty level imposed by the CAT and the OFT following an investigation into the construction sector.

Marie Demetriou QC

A well-recognised, relatively new silk in the competition arena. Recently seen leading several high-profile damages claims in the CAT and the High Court.

Expertise: “Very effective and a very good competition barrister.”

“Enormously thorough and a pleasure to work with.”

Recent work: Acted for Morgan Crucible in Deutsche Bahn and Others v Morgan Crucible, a case which raised interesting points relating to the time limits on follow-on damages claims.

Mark Howard QC

Has an excellent reputation as a commercial advocate and attracts work in many leading competition cases. He is valued for his courtroom tactics.

Expertise: “Very strong in witness examination.”

“He is a good tactical and strategic thinker.”

Recent work: Represented Imperial Tobacco in a successful appeal against the £110 million fine imposed by the OFT.

Daniel Jowell QC

Often called upon to represent clients in damages claims. He is recognised for his commercial expertise and praised for his strong drafting skills.

Expertise: “Brings original thinking to the table and is able to stand his ground when challenged.”

“Has excellent judgement and writes very well.”

Recent work: Acted for Dow Chemical in Cooper Tire v Dow Chemical.

Fergus Randolph QC

Noted for his strength in competition matters before domestic courts. He has a broad practice, and recently demonstrated his particular knowledge of the shipping industry.

Expertise: “Astonishingly intelligent, he has a phenomenal ability to get to grips with other areas of the law quickly.”

“Offers clear advice and never loses sight of the commercial end game.”

Recent work: Represented several national retailers in the MasterCard litigation regarding interchange fees.

Jemima Stratford QC

Developing a reputation as a bright younger silk, who is also recognised for her work in EU law. Recent dealings include working on abuse of dominance cases.

Expertise: “A delightful and practical barrister,” she is “very clever and has a great manner with clients.”

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Recent work: Acted for the claimants in the abuse of dominance case between Nestec and Dualit concerning the capsules used in Nespresso machines.

David Vaughan QC

A senior figure in competition law having been practising for nearly 50 years in the field. He continues to work with long-standing clients and has played a key role for Cathay Pacific Airways in competition matters.

Recent work: Advised Cathay Pacific in the appeal against the air cargo cartel decision.

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Kelyn Bacon

A standout senior junior for competition matters. Clients value her knowledge of the workings of regulatory bodies, such as the OFT, whom she often represents as lead counsel. She is also valued for her knowledge of state aid.

Expertise: “Without any doubt one of the best competition law juniors that there is.” “Phenomenally bright, she is responsive and focused on getting the right answer.”

Recent work: Represented the OFT, unled, in a number of appeals against the construction cartel decision, appearing both in the CAT and the Court of Appeal.

Maya Lester

Widely recognised by clients and peers as an extremely impressive senior junior. In recent times she has appeared in many of the leading competition cases including pay-TV, Tesco v OFT and the Association of Convenience Stores v OFT.

Expertise: “Extremely clear thinking and always able to spot the point on which a case will be won or lost.”

“Clever, hard-working, on top of the detail and a master tactician.”

Recent work: Led by Nicholas Green QC, she acted for Foundem, an internet search engine, who issued proceedings in the High Court against Google alleging anti-competitive practice.

Sarah Ford

Has a practice that encompasses a broad spread of competition matters. Her recent experience includes acting as junior counsel in abuse of dominance cases, on damages claims and in Ofcom appeals.

Expertise: “She produces succinct and powerful pleadings and analysis - her perspective is always worth considering.”

“She is very practical and good at interacting with clients.”

Recent work: Acted as junior counsel on behalf of Pakistan International Airlines in a claim for alleged abuse of dominance.

Robert O'Donoghue

Praised for his in-depth knowledge and his enthusiasm for competition law. A popular choice of counsel for competition matters in the technology sector. He is also recognised for his work in telecommunications.

Expertise: “He has very good analytical skills and an obvious interest in legal developments.” “He is a very thorough thinker and a persuasive speaker.”

Recent work: Represented SAMSUNG in the follow-on damages case resulting from the LCD cartel.

Tony Singla

Has a broad practice encompassing both competition law and commercial litigation. He is frequently led by Nicholas Green QC in matters pertaining to cartels, damages claims and a number of appeals.

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Expertise: “He drafts well and has a very high work quality.”

Recent work: Acted for Intel in an appeal against the EUR1 billion imposed for abuse in supplying computer chips.

Sarah Lee

Recognised for her recent work in competition cases with a complex telecoms dimension. Her expertise in this area makes her a popular choice with clients such as BT.

Expertise: “She provides high-quality, tactical and strategic input which is thoughtful and insightful.”

Recent work: Represented BT in the CAT and Court of Appeal in a case regarding a dispute over non-geographic numbers.

Sarah Love

A junior with an increasingly high reputation in the competition arena. She is valued by peers and clients for her economics background, which is seen as a valuable tool in this area.

Expertise: “She is intellectually astute, exceptionally pleasant to deal with and very good in front of clients.”

Recent work: Acted with Thomas Plewman SC and Sarah Ford for BT before the CAT. The case concerned an appeal against the Ofcom decision to impose a ‘wholesale must offer’ remedy on Sky.

Daniel Piccinin

Former competition solicitor who is causing a stir in the market now he’s at the Bar. His popularity with silks is evinced by his role in a large number of market-leading cases. To date he has acted for clients including Aer Lingus, Tesco and Anglian Water Services.

Expertise: “He is extraordinarily diligent, has fantastic recall, is a strategic thinker and really goes the extra mile.”

“He will be a superstar; he is a true competition specialist with an incisive mind.”

Recent work: With Maya Lester and Dinah Rose QC, he acted for Tesco in appealing the OFT decision that it had been involved in the dairy price-fixing cartel.

Victoria Wakefield

Seen by peers as an up-and-coming name in the competition field. Her recent experience has demonstrated her strength in cases that include a commercial angle. She is also recommended for her public law expertise.

Expertise: “She is highly industrious and her legal research skills are near perfect.” “She is effortlessly able.”

Recent work: Led by Jon Turner QC she acted for the claimants in the Recolight case, a private action relating to the recycling of light bulbs.

David Scannell

Valued for his ability to utilise his specialist expertise in both competition and commercial law. He is praised for his skills at cross-examination, and is particularly good with business witnesses. Has recent experience in state aid work.

Expertise: “His written work is fantastic, as is the way he interacts with clients.”

“He has an unbelievable work ethic.”

Recent work: Alongside James Flynn QC and Meredith Pickford, he represented Sky in the B SkyB v Ofcom case.

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Energy & Natural Resources

Brick Court Chambers is a leading destination for instructing solicitors seeking barristers who marry deep analytical ability with tremendous

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courtroom prowess. Its members at silk and junior level act on some of the market's most high-profile contractual disputes, and attract numerous instructions relating to oligarchs and Russian businessmen with energy interests.

SILKS

Helen Davies QC

A hugely experienced advocate, who has appeared before the Court of Appeal, Supreme Court and the ECJ. Her expertise has led her to act on behalf of some of the world's largest energy companies.

Expertise: "She is terrifically on the ball. She has a razor-sharp mind and is clear and forthright in her advice." "Helen obviously has no difficulty in mastering new cases."

Recent work: Successfully acted for Roman Abramovich against Boris Berezovsky's claims of intimidation and breach of trust in relation to a Russian oil company.

Mark Howard QC

An unflappable advocate with vast experience of acting on high-value cases in the energy sector. He has appeared before arbitration panels domestically and overseas, and also made representations in significant energy matters before the House of Lords and the Court of Appeal.

Expertise: "He's possibly the best cross-examining advocate in the country. I've seen him in action and he's just devastating." "He is a highly robust and very effective advocate who is very clever."

Recent work: Acted for Ophir Oil & Energy in a strike-out application against Mabanga in connection with commissions paid for oil concessions in Africa.

Michael Bools QC

An expert at interpreting commercial contracts in the energy sector. He has vast experience of advising on freezing injunctions worldwide and on arbitrations governed by ICC rules.

Expertise: "He has a very nice manner and is tactically very astute. He's an extremely nice person to deal with and an absolute delight to have as an opponent."

Recent work: Involved in *Cadogan Petroleum v GPS* before the Commercial Court. The case involved complex technical issues arising in connection with the sale of two gas processing plants.

Daniel Jowell QC

In recent years he has been significantly exposed to Russian oligarch disputes relating to the energy sector. He has also acted for significant energy companies, including Dow Chemical and BP.

Recent work: Acted on behalf of Michael Cherney in a dispute concerning a share of Oleg Deripaska's aluminium assets.

Roger Masfield QC

Has had significant recent involvement in energy disputes between Russian business magnates. He also regularly acts for oil and gas majors.

Recent work: Acted on *BHP Billiton v BP* in an expert determination of the appropriate price escalation method to be applied in a long-term supply contract.

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Stephen Midwinter

Has substantial experience of commercial energy disputes in the Commercial Court and has appeared in arbitrations in both London and

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Bermuda.

Expertise: “I’m very impressed with his thoroughness and his lateral thinking.” “He is a very smart guy who expresses himself very persuasively on a page, and proves realistic about the strengths and weaknesses of a case.”

Recent work: Acted on YUKOS v Russian Federation, concerning the USD98 billion case in the ECHR relating to the collapse of YUKOS.

Fionn Pilbrow

Has acted in Russian oligarch cases and in significant high-value arbitrations on behalf of energy majors. Also has experience of acting on behalf of a carbon and emissions trading fund, and has provided counsel in arbitrations under LCIA and LMAA rules.

Recent work: Represented Energy Venture Partners in a claim to recover a USD200 million commission payment arising out of the sale of an oil licence in Nigeria.

- CHAMBERS & PARTNERS 2014: ENERGY & NATURAL RESOURCES (BAND 2)

Environment

This set is renowned for its general public law and competition law work, and much of the work in the environment sector relates to these areas. The set is home to a group of barristers who practise in this area, handling cases relating to climate change, EIAs, environmental judicial reviews and environmental cases with EU law elements.

SILKS

Richard Gordon QC

A public lawyer with a wide practice that encompasses environmental law. He acts for NGOs, government bodies and corporations in environmental litigation and judicial reviews.

Expertise: “He is pretty hot. He is a very good lawyer and when he is acting as an advocate he knows how far to go and how not to overdo it.”

Recent work: He was instructed by Greenpeace in an intervention in a judicial review relating to fishing quotas.

JUNIORS

Richard Macrory

A leading academic and lawyer who practises in the environment sphere. He advises on issues such as waste, contaminated land and water law, and has a particular focus on cases with an EU law element.

Expertise: “He is an environmental guru.”

- CHAMBERS & PARTNERS 2014: ENVIRONMENT (BAND 3)

European Law

Brick Court offers a depth and quality in European law that few can rival. Boasting members with “an enormous amount of experience” and a stellar support system, the set is seen to offer “a slick, professional and seamless operation.” This winning combination attracts a swathe of clients whose testimonies suggest that, once exposed to the talents and services of the set, those that instruct it view repeat business as a given.

Client service: “Always impressive, they go the extra mile to make sure everything is done correctly.”

“The clerks are sharp and have their finger on the pulse.”

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SILKS

David Anderson QC

Universally acknowledged to be the standout name for European law matters. His enviable talents are well catalogued by sources who seek him out for his “eloquence,” “analytical approach” and “incredible advocacy.” His experience of the EU system and his extensive knowledge across the field make him the top choice for high-profile clients involved in complex and drawn-out legal challenges.

Expertise: “He brings a global view to a problem, and his understanding of EU law is outstanding. He takes an analytical approach and always considers the bigger picture.”

“The best EU litigator at the Bar - he’s a real star.”

Recent work: Advised the government on a case concerning the proposed London ‘super sewer’ and the EU directive on waste water.

Jemima Stratford QC

Demonstrates a wide range of EU expertise, not only generally, but also in particular areas such as the pharmaceutical and telecoms sectors. Of late she has represented private individuals and NGOs involved in challenges to domestic legislation.

Expertise: “A bright young silk and a great choice for EU matters.” “Very clever – she gets results.”

Recent work: Acted for Sepracor Pharmaceuticals in its appeal to the Court of Justice against an order of the General Court of the European Union. The case concerned the long-term use of a particular sleeping pill.

Marie Demetriou QC

Praised for her excellent ability to interact with clients and translate the complex into the simple. Experienced in a range of EU matters, she has recently undertaken a number of complex free movement challenges as well as cases involving the interpretation of rights under the Geneva Convention.

Expertise: “Excellent at conveying complicated concepts in a simple way.” “Very bright and user-friendly.”

Recent work: Instructed by HMRC in a case that questioned whether the football creditor rule offends EU free movement rules.

Mark Hoskins QC

A strong litigator who is a good bet for contentious European law matters. His particular skill set marks him out as a fine option for the government and for leading City firms faced with challenging cases.

Expertise: “A very smooth operator who is good at focusing on an overall strategic plan.”

“A great all-round EU litigator, he can pick up any area of EU law.”

Recent work: Represented the UK in a hearing before the EFTA Court which considered whether Iceland had failed to pay the minimum amount of compensation owed within the time limits outlined in an EU directive.

Daniel Jowell QC

Brings original thinking to his cases and produces quality written pleadings. He is adept at handling EU matters that arise within the context of tax disputes, and is regularly chosen by leading City firms that have cases where tax has been paid in violation of EU law.

Expertise: “He is very knowledgeable and has extremely fine judgement.”

Recent work: Represented Philips in its claim for restitution of tax paid in violation of EU law.

Fergus Randolph QC

His European law practice primarily focuses on commercial cases. He especially demonstrates impressive knowledge when it comes to commercial agency matters, and he has recently done a significant amount of work in shipping cases.

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Expertise: “Pleasant to deal with, he rolls up his sleeves and works hard to provide a quick turnaround of the papers.”

Recent work: Recently obtained a mandatory injunction which lifted the blockade of live animal exports to continental Europe, forcing Thanet District Council to reopen a port for such purpose.

Aidan Robertson QC

Has recent experience in representing the government in complex EU issues before the Supreme Court. He is skilled in agriculture and tax issues.

Expertise: “Commercial and technically very proficient.” “He provides swift and succinct advice.”

Recent work: Acted on behalf of Scotland’s soft fruit growers’ co-operative in appealing a decision by the Rural Payments Agency to withhold EU funding.

Derrick Wyatt QC

Praised for his ability to handle EU sanctions cases, he has a good deal of experience in appearing before the European courts. As a leading academic in the field, his knowledge of the law is held in high regard by sources.

Expertise: “His vast knowledge of EU law and his immense experience in the General Court and the Court of Justice are invaluable.”

Recent work: Advised the government on challenges before the European courts relating to proposed corrections to payments under the Single Farm Payments Scheme.

Martin Chamberlain QC

Stands out for his expertise in both public and human rights law. Has a range of skills in the European law arena and is acknowledged as one of the real stars in this year’s crop of silk appointments.

Expertise: “A really great advocate and a future star.” “He is a calm and well-organised advocate.”

Recent work: Represented Transport for London in a judicial review which challenged London bus lane legislation. EU free movement and state aid issues were prominent in this case.

David Vaughan QC

A key figure for advice on complex EU questions. His experience before the courts in significant cases over the years makes him a valuable resource, especially for high-profile private clients challenging domestic and European legislation.

Expertise: “A wise head who’s seen it all in his time.”

Recent work: Advised the government of Gibraltar in its challenge to Spain listing Gibraltar territorial waters under the European Habitats Directive.

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Maya Lester

A leading light amongst senior juniors, particularly in the field of EU sanctions where she has a level of experience that few can match.

Clients regularly single her out for her drafting skills and her clear thinking. She has acted in a significant number of judicial reviews in the European courts.

Expertise: “Her knowledge of EU sanctions law is second to none.” “She is a very powerful advocate in the European courts.”

Recent work: Acted for Mr Kadi in Kadi II v European Council, a judicial review relating to sanctions imposed by the UN and EU on the grounds of terrorism. This was a major case that considered the interplay between EU law and public international law.

Kelyn Bacon

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“An obvious person to turn to for state aid matters.” She also demonstrates first-rate talent on matters concerning EU IP law and on cases pertaining to the pharmaceutical industry.

Expertise: “She has a fantastic intellect and that ability to see through to core issues and present them in a compelling and simple way.” “She’s commercial, sharp and pragmatic.”

Recent work: Acted as lead counsel for Warner Lambert in patent proceedings in the High Court. The case involved issues of general principles of EU law and EU IP law.

Richard Blakeley

Developing a reputation as an emerging talent in the EU field. He is well versed in EU sanctions cases, and also draws on his expertise in commercial and competition law cases. Of late he has advised the Premier League and a well-known boxing promoter in separate matters concerning free movement questions.

Expertise: “He has a wonderful ability to circumnavigate a mountain of facts and issues in order to focus on the key points in a case.”

Recent work: Acted in a high-profile EU sanctions case, representing a Syrian national. The case involved questions over the European Council’s ability to sanction individuals when it knew, or ought to have known, that they may be killed.

David Scannell

Has a strong background in European law and is praised for his outstanding knowledge of the field and for his recall of leading cases. He has a range of experience in the area, having appeared before both the Court of Justice and the General Court, and is particularly good on state aid matters and constitutional questions.

Expertise: “He knows EU law backwards and his judgement is superb.” “He’s patient and measured.”

Recent work: Acted for Aer Lingus in a complex challenge to EU state aid that involved consideration of how free movement rules and state aid relate.

Victoria Wakefield

Her practice encompasses public, EU and competition law. She is experienced in acting before a number of EU courts and has recently been instructed by the UK government. Sources praise her superb research skills.

Expertise: “Outstanding on EU general court practice and EU agricultural law.” “Her judgement in court is striking.”

Recent work: Led by Derrick Wyatt QC, she acted in challenges to proposed financial corrections to payments under the Single Farm Payments Scheme.

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Fraud: Civil

Brick Court Chambers is recognised as having a “concentration of talent” in the civil fraud arena, and offers a “roster of super-impressive silks” in addition to a selection of talented juniors. Its members are regularly called upon to appear in commercial fraud trials and are frequently involved in cases related to the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS). Solicitors appreciate the barristers’ “thoroughly modern approach” and the “commerciality” of the set’s management.

SILKS

Mark Howard QC

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Has an excellent reputation for handling major commercial litigation involving allegations of fraud. Sources hail his cross-examination skills.

Expertise: “He has a visceral feel for how a case will develop.”

“He’s unflappable, focused and very strong in presenting his clients’ position.”

Recent work: He acted for the appellant bank in the Supreme Court dispute between VTB Capital and Nutritek, which involved complex issues surrounding corporate liability.

Michael Swainston QC

Sought after to advise on complex fraud-related issues. He receives particular praise for his innovative approach to cases.

Expertise: “An extremely strong-willed practitioner who is very influential in building relations in the CIS/Russia.”

Roger Masefield QC

Well-regarded new silk with an impressive track record of involvement in large-scale fraud proceedings. He impresses sources with his advocacy skills.

Expertise: “Absolutely outstanding and expected to be one of the great stars of the future.”

Recent work: He represented Boris Berezovsky in his dispute with Roman Abramovich.

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Alec Haydon

Has significant experience of advising on fraud-related injunctions. Sources admire his focused approach.

Expertise: “He immerses himself in the facts and produces beautifully drafted skeletons and pleadings.”

Recent work: He advised BTA Bank on the enforcement of a judgment concerning Russian assets.

Stephen Midwinter

Praised for his incisive advocacy. He is well placed to advise on civil fraud issues in the financial sector.

Expertise: “Quick, incisive and efficient.”

“He has excellent judgement and a beautiful writing style.”

Recent work: He was instructed in a conspiracy claim which amounted to around USD100 million, relating to Russian loans.

Fionn Pilbrow

Has a broad commercial practice with notable fraud expertise. Sources admire his confident submissions.

Expertise: “He has a huge capacity to get things done and is brilliant on technical matters.”

“Very good with the clients and extremely bright.”

Recent work: He continued to be instructed in the Fiona Trust litigation, a well-publicised dispute within the shipping industry involving allegations of fraud and corruption.

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Information Technology

Nicholas Saunders of Brick Court Chambers

Described by a fellow silk as “a future star. He is quite junior, but absolutely outstanding and will be a leading IT silk in ten years.” He earns further praise for the quality of his written opinions.

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Expertise: “He has a ready grasp of technical issues and takes a sound strategic view of his cases.”

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Insurance

This set has a fine pedigree in insurance and reinsurance matters, and is sought out for its expertise in a wide range of cases. High-profile, big-ticket reinsurance matters are a particular forte for the set, which has great strength in depth. By way of example, its members had involvement in *Wasa & AGF v Lexington*, one of the most important cases of recent years. Instructing solicitors praise the set, noting: “They are certainly top-end on price, but the calibre of the people they have to offer ultimately makes the cost worthwhile if you have a major matter to deal with.”

Client service: “The clerks are exceptionally responsive and commercial, and the standard of barrister across the board is strong.”

SILKS

Tom Adam QC

Wins praise for his handling of complex insurance and reinsurance disputes. His wide practice takes in professional negligence, shipping and energy matters.

Expertise: “He’s a really properly excellent insurance litigator. He’s dead good.”

Recent work: His most recent major case was *Société Générale v RSA & Ors*.

Neil Calver QC

Acts for insurers, reinsurers, brokers and policyholders on a wide range of high-profile disputes, many of which are international in nature. He frequently appears in Bermuda Form arbitrations and brokers’ negligence cases.

Expertise: “A persuasive advocate, who has real expertise in the international insurance field.” “He’s tremendous and very clever.”

Recent work: Acted on behalf of Lloyds reinsurers in a case regarding property damage to a Kuwaiti oil well.

Jonathan Hirst QC

An extraordinarily experienced practitioner who is widely admired in the market. He acts in a broad range of international insurance disputes, including those involving product liability and fraud.

Expertise: “Brings a wealth of experience to cases. For a senior silk he is highly personable and always makes himself available when required. Clients are impressed by the gravitas he brings to a case.”

Mark Howard QC

Praised by sources for his advocacy skills in the higher courts. He engages in top-level complex insurance and reinsurance litigation cases domestically and abroad.

Expertise: “I think he is the best trial advocate at the Bar. He is an extremely good cross-examiner, who is very focused, and very strong when presenting a client’s position. He knows how to tough it out in difficult situations.” “A powerful, senior silk, for the important occasion.”

Simon Salzedo QC

A highly experienced practitioner who is a favourite of major insurers, reinsurers and Lloyd’s syndicates. A qualified chartered accountant, he proves particularly strong in banking and finance matters.

Expertise: “Simon was an excellent support for George Leggatt QC at the Standard Life Court of Appeal hearing, and has moved seamlessly

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into the silk's role." "He's an incredibly hard worker and makes very large jobs just happen."

Recent work: He appeared in *Standard Life v Ace European*, acting for Standard Life.

Helen Davies QC

She has recently acted in several reinsurance cases and appears frequently in international and domestic arbitrations.

Expertise: "A barrister with an impressive intellect, who is a pleasure to deal with."

Recent work: Acted in *SRL v Reliance*, a USD50 million reinsurance claim relating to the toppling of a dredge in Sierra Leone.

Andrew Lydiard QC

Held in high esteem by peers, he has a long-standing practice in this area. He is an expert in insurance and reinsurance matters, particularly those concerning the aviation industry.

Expertise: "A well-respected lawyer in the insurance and reinsurance world."

Harry Matovu QC

A highly regarded silk with a solid domestic and international insurance and reinsurance practice. He acts in a myriad of disputes, including those concerning the aviation and energy industries.

Expertise: "He's great. He is different in terms of having a relaxed outward approach and demeanour. Very savvy, he knows exactly what he's doing." "He's excellent, charming and effective."

Recent work: Appeared in a multimillion-dollar US asbestos-related insurance dispute involving ACE and Howden North America.

Michael Swainston QC

Has a broad insurance practice that takes in cases relating to shipping, energy and financial institutions.

Expertise: "Clear, direct and thoughtful with his advice."

Recent work: Acted in a marine insurance dispute involving Starlight Shipping and Allianz Marine and Aviation.

Roger Masefield QC

Has recently taken silk. He acts on a variety of insurance and reinsurance disputes and arbitrations for high-profile companies and syndicates.

Expertise: "A man you can have huge respect for."

Recent work: Appeared in a high-value reinsurance coverage dispute regarding the flooding of a copper mine in Zambia.

Richard Slade QC

Has a diverse practice and experience in insurance, reinsurance and banking matters. He has recently dealt with a number of fire claims.

Expertise: "An approachable, sensible and responsive QC." "He is user-friendly and more than happy to roll up his sleeves and get stuck in."

Recent work: Recently represented Essex club The Sugar Hut in a claim against a broker arising out of the avoidance of fire insurance.

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Stephen Midwinter

Engages in a vast range of insurance matters, including Bermuda Form arbitrations and major reinsurance cases. He is highly respected by peers for his capabilities.

Expertise: "One of the best. He's headed for great things." "A go-to junior, with brilliant analytical capabilities."

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Intellectual Property

Nicholas Saunders of Brick Court Chambers

A well-regarded senior junior who concentrates on hard and soft IP matters but also practises in competition cases. He is noted for his grasp of the technical aspects of a case.

Expertise: "He's excellent technically and can be relied upon for sound advice."

Recent work: Acting as junior counsel for Martin Coward in his high-profile dispute against IKOS concerning copyright and database rights.

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International Arbitration: Arbitrators

Hilary Heilbron QC of Brick Court Chambers

Heilbron dedicates a significant portion of her practice to international arbitration, and is comfortable appearing as both arbitrator and advocate in disputes held under a broad spread of institutional rules.

Expertise: "She is a very experienced practitioner and really picks up on the critical issues in a case."

Klaus Reichert of Brick Court Chambers

Wins praise for his top-level command of an impressive range of arbitral disputes. He has appeared as an arbitrator and counsel in arbitrations held under ICC, ICSID, ICDR and UNCITRAL rules, amongst others.

Expertise: "It's an excellent experience working with him. He has particular strength in understanding the arbitration process."

Jonathan Hirst QC of Brick Court Chambers

Has a strong foothold in the arbitration arena, and regularly appears as tribunal chairman in ICC, LCIA and LMAA disputes. His practice is complemented by additional expertise in commercial and insurance matters.

Expertise: "He is excellent: user-friendly, and very efficient."

Lord Hoffmann QC of Brick Court Chambers

Since dedicating his incredible career to arbitration and mediation, he has been appointed in an impressive range of high-value disputes. His experience spans both commercial and investment treaty arbitrations.

Expertise: "He shows absolute intellectual command of international transactions and his future as a top-flight arbitrator is assured."

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International Arbitration: General Commercial & Insurance

The breadth of experience offered by Brick Court's members is a welcome feature to those that instruct it, and it has a solid position at the International Arbitration Bar. Its "roster of super impressive silks" is complemented by a popular cache of standout juniors, and many of the set's barristers sit as arbitrators.

Client service: "They are a go-to set for international arbitration."

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“Brick Court stands out for the quality of its clerks - they are all great.”

SILKS

Mark Howard QC

Regularly instructed on some of the most complex and high-value disputes in the market. He handles both commercial arbitration cases and investor-state matters.

Expertise: “He gives clever, shrewd and realistic advice, and excels in cross-examination.”

Neil Calver QC

Garners strong support for his arbitration experience and is particularly noted for his expertise in insurance disputes.

Expertise: “He is an excellent, fighting advocate who is extremely good with clients and is good as part of a team.”

Simon Salzedo QC

Recommended for his commercial arbitration experience, he acts in disputes held under a range of arbitral rules. His impressive expertise in enforcement litigation is a key selling point for instructing solicitors.

Expertise: “He is practical, has a hands-on approach and is commercially minded.”

Recent work: He acted for the claimant in its attempt to obtain a USD20 million arbitration award from an individual based in the UAE.

Michael Swainston QC

Consistently highlighted as being a leading practitioner when it comes to arbitration and litigation involving parties from the Commonwealth of Independent States. This expertise is evidenced by his ongoing involvement in some of the most high-value disputes in recent times.

Expertise: “He has a ferocious intellect and relishes challenges.” “He is indefatigable in defending his clients’ interests.”

JUNIORS

Stephen Midwinter

Impressively experienced junior whose handling of a wide range of commercial arbitrations and enforcement matters sees him singled out as a future star silk.

Expertise: “His advice and pleadings are clear, commercial and thorough.” “He certainly has the experience needed for complex cases.”

Recent work: He appeared in *Frontera v Georgia Petroleum*, a case involving an attempt to enforce various arbitration awards.

Fionn Pilbrow

Pilbrow’s impressive caseload in the last year pays tribute to his ever-increasing reputation in the commercial arbitration market. His practice spans a range of shipping, insurance, banking and trade disputes.

Expertise: “He is absolutely outstanding and incredibly highly thought of.”

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Media & Entertainment

Tony Singla of Brick Court Chambers

Gains favour among solicitors and clients in the entertainment industry due to his accomplished handling of contract, licensing and database

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rights disputes.

Expertise: “A real star for the future. He does an excellent job every time, and performs to a standard well beyond his year of call.”

Recent work: Acted for Kylie Minogue in a contractual dispute regarding a planned concert in Kuala Lumpur for the Formula One Grand Prix which was abruptly cancelled by organisers.

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Mediators

Band 1 | **Stephen Ruttle** | Brick Court Chambers

One of the most favoured practitioners currently operating, Stephen Ruttle QC “is always impressive,” sources say. “His vast mediation experience gives him the ability to read a room and adapt his style accordingly.” Marine, insurance and broad commercial disputes are particular areas of expertise.

Band 1 | **Tony Willis** | Brick Court Chambers

“Tony Willis really stands out,” say sources. He is “hugely experienced and innovative in finding ways of bringing parties together,” and interviewees emphasise his knack for “maintaining trust while being firm with the parties and their advisers, along with taking the trouble to understand the dispute and what, legally and commercially, divides the parties.”

Band 1 | **William Wood** | Brick Court Chambers

William Wood QC “combines a great deal of authority and gravitas with a drive to get results.” Using “an avuncular and relaxed style which works well,” Wood has become one of the mediation market's absolute favourites. “He takes heat out of battles and lets everyone relax.” Observers note: “He is very good at dropping the odd comment that will get clients to think of settling.”

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Offshore

Mark Hapgood QC of Brick Court Chambers

A vastly experienced commercial litigator, who has acted in many of the leading cases of the past few years. He commonly acts in matters in the BVI, the Cayman Islands and Bermuda.

Expertise: “He has a great reputation and is clearly very good.”

Recent work: Acted on a Madoff-related matter before the Court of Appeal in the BVI.

Mark Howard QC of Brick Court Chambers

Frequently instructed by leading firms in the Cayman Islands and the BVI; he has also appeared in less well-known offshore jurisdictions. His practice combines all aspects of commercial litigation with professional negligence, fraud and insurance matters.

Expertise: “He has a visceral feel for how a case will develop and how to put it. He is quite prepared to listen to anyone and everyone as to ideas about strategy and he is a brilliant cross-examiner.”

Recent work: Acted as part of a team in a multibillion-dollar ICSID arbitration on behalf of the Republic of Turkey.

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Professional Negligence

Called upon by solicitors and insurers to handle some of the largest professional negligence cases in the market. "This is the pre-eminent set for high-value commercial disputes."

"The members are very good at dealing with things at short notice. Very unflappable, they are clear in their drafting and their advice."

SILKS

Mark Howard QC

"At the top of his game," he is "an exceptional advocate with a stunning practice." He has "a towering reputation" for his handling of big City litigation, and is the go-to person for cases requiring a real heavy hitter.

Expertise: "A fantastic advocate, he excels on his feet and his cross-examination skills are legendary."

Tom Adam QC

Regularly instructed on large, complex professional negligence cases, he's "a heavy hitter at the Commercial Bar" and a "superb analyst who is excellent to work with."

Expertise: "He gets very directly and quickly to the key issues, does everything with panache and a great sense of humour." "A clever and punchy barrister, he doesn't shy away from detail, and is extremely clear in his thinking."

Recent work: Defended Ernst & Young in a claim relating to alleged negligent due diligence.

Charles Hollander QC

Focuses on professional negligence cases from a commercial and chancery perspective. He has particular expertise advising on negligence issues in the context of conflicts of interest.

Recent work: He appeared in *EIC v Guardian*, a negligence claim against an energy intermediary.

Tim Lord QC

Has a practice centred on banking and finance professional negligence disputes. He is very experienced at advising banks, as both claimants and defendants, on a wide range of issues.

Expertise: He is noted for his "gloves off" and "incredibly articulate" courtroom style. "His strategic thinking is very good and he's fantastic with clients; they love him."

Simon Salzedo QC

Has a wide-ranging professional negligence practice, but is especially noted for his expertise with accountants and financial service professionals. He started life as an accountant, which means that "he really gets the finer points" of the cases he works on.

Expertise: "His ability to think on his feet is excellent, and his drafting and written advice are extremely good." "He's intelligent, practical, constructive and easy to deal with."

Recent work: Acted for Sir Keith Mills in his claim against Coutts in relation to alleged negligent investment advice.

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Thomas Plewman SC

Has a rapidly expanding practice and "is greatly experienced at assisting the big accountancy firms." He is known for his "assured style" and

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for “making the complex seem straightforward.”

Expertise: “Very bright, he has a clear and effective style.”

“His skeletons and submissions are strong on clarity.”

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Shipping & Commodities

Richard Lord QC of Brick Court Chambers

Praised for his superior client service, clarity of thought and eloquent advocacy. He remains a popular choice for shipbuilding, commodity trading and lien disputes.

Expertise: “He is very helpful and unflappable, and is always willing to go the extra mile to assist.” “He is a clear thinker and a fine, understated advocate.”

Recent work: He advised on a high-value charter party dispute associated with the vessel ‘Athena’.

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Sport

Charles Hollander QC of Brick Court Chambers

Has been instructed on a diverse range of cases relating to a number of sports, including motor racing, football, boxing, yachting and swimming. He has prominent commercial litigation and EU/competition expertise.

Recent work: He represented Frank Warren and other promoters in a dispute with the boxing regulator over authorisation for the Haye v Chisora fight.

Nicholas Green QC of Brick Court Chambers

Instructed on sports cases which overlap with his EU/competition, regulatory and administrative law expertise.

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Tax

Daniel Jowell QC of Brick Court Chambers

Focuses on competition and EU law as it relates to taxation. He has acted for a number of major corporations seeking to reclaim taxes paid in breach of EU law.

Expertise: “Easy to work with and a man who uses his charm to great effect in court.”

Recent work: He has successfully represented Philips in its reclaiming of tax paid in breach of EU law.

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Telecommunications

Brick Court Chambers continues to represent telecommunications service providers and regulatory authorities alike. Its practitioners

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have enormous experience of appearing for overseas clients in different jurisdictions, and have established competition law expertise that allows them to handle challenges against regulators brought by operators. The set has further had involvement with a number of recent pricing disputes. Clients profit from the strong commercial understanding shown by all the members here.

SILKS

Nicholas Green QC

Acts for telecommunications authorities around the world, appearing in overseas tribunals and arbitration cases. His recent experience includes acting on a series of FRAND cases concerning the payment of royalties on mobile phone technology.

Expertise: “A true European law specialist.” “Knows a great deal about competition and regulatory law.”

Recent work: He settled an interconnection pricing dispute for the Communications Authority of Hong Kong brought by operators PCCW and SmarTone.

Marie Demetriou QC

Commands all-round respect from peers and is a telecoms barrister with a strong public law background. She has advised on broadcasting regulatory issues that have arisen from the industry’s technological convergence at both the UK and European levels.

Expertise: “She is excellent, very clear and concise in her advice, and a pleasure to work with.”

Recent work: She obtained a successful result for the English Cricket Board at the CAT overturning Ofcom’s original decision to restrict Sky’s pricing arrangements with its competitors.

JUNIORS

Kelyn Bacon

A very strong practitioner in this area, she often appears on behalf of the UK government in the ECJ.

Expertise: “Very clever – she’s excellent on anyone’s reading.”

Recent work: She acted as sole counsel for Telefónica intervening in four simultaneous mobile termination case proceedings conducted in the Competition Tribunal.

Robert O'Donoghue

Provides advice to regulatory bodies such as Ofcom and the EC, and also appears before all major courts and tribunals. Counts major operators among his telecoms clients.

Expertise: “Knows a good deal about the subject and has written extensively on both dominance and competition issues relating to the telecoms sector.”

Recent work: He obtained a successful result for O2 at the Court of Appeal which prevented BT from imposing additional termination payments.

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