

BRICK COURT CHAMBERS

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Administrative and public law

Brick Court Chambers' highly respected silks include the 'outstanding' David Anderson QC, the 'imaginative and innovative' Richard Gordon QC, and Jemima Stratford QC, who is 'impressive, thorough, and down to earth'. New silk Martin Chamberlain QC comes highly recommended, and is 'exceptionally intelligent and impressive in the clarity of his advice'. The 'excellent' Jasbir Dhillon QC also took silk in 2013. The 'talented' and 'extremely hardworking' Maya Lester is also recommended.

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Aviation

Brick Court Chambers' Andrew Lydiard QC is 'very user friendly', and Mark Brealey QC is highly regarded for his experience in EU and competition related work. The 'hugely clever' Neil Calver QC is 'a very safe pair of hands'.

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Banking & Finance

Brick Court Chambers is another 'go-to set for complex banking litigation', and its clerks are 'very switched on and focused on the business'. Mark Howard QC is 'among the best of his generation', and 'a supremely able cross-examiner with a feel for how the case will go'. Mark Hapgood QC is 'devastating on his feet', and 'one of the finest silks at the Bar for derivatives-related litigation'. The 'tenacious' Tim Lord QC is 'one of the first choices for investors in disputes with large investment banks', and is noted for his 'ability to deliver crippling blows to unwary opponents in court'. Simon Salzedo QC is noted for his combination of 'huge intellect, clear and calm judgement, and willingness to go for the jugular when needed'. New silk Jasbir Dhillon QC 'leaves no stone unturned in his preparation', and is 'particularly excellent on derivatives and finance issues'. The set also benefits from an 'incredibly strong' roster of juniors, among them Andrew Thomas, who is 'extremely thorough in his analysis and thinking', and 'tactically shrewd in his submissions, particularly in court'. Simon Birt is 'an excellent junior', who attracts praise for 'the fullness of his grasp of complex details'. Stephen Midwinter is 'a tremendous junior', and is praised for his 'very lean, focused, and strategically astute pleadings'. Jonathan Dawid is noted for his 'ability to grasp technically complex legal and commercial issues frighteningly quickly', and for his 'outstanding drafting'. Fred Hobson 'picks difficult conceptual issues up in a nanosecond'.

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Civil Liberties & Human Rights

At Brick Court Chambers, the 'accessible and inclusive' Richard Gordon QC is noted for his 'imaginative approach to identifying civil liberties and human rights points'. New silk Martin Chamberlain QC is 'exceptionally intelligent, user friendly, and hardworking'. The 'outstanding' Maya Lester is also well regarded.

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Commercial Litigation

Brick Court Chambers is 'simply a first-class' set which 'invariably gets results'. Mark Howard QC is 'one of the best of his generation'; 'no one can come near him'. Charles Hollander QC attracts praise for his 'formidable experience of commercial litigation and sports matters'. Helen Davies QC 'exhibits the polish and finesse of one of the finest barristers at the Bar'. 'Streetwise trial advocate' Alan Maclean QC is 'a force to be reckoned with in the courtroom'. Also recommended is Simon Salzedo QC, who 'can turn his mind to quite literally anything'. Among the juniors, Simon Birt is 'one of the best senior juniors at the Bar', and his 'intellectual grasp is formidable'. Fionn Pilbrow is 'undoubtedly a star of the future', who 'wins the trust of the court by virtue of his good judgement and charming advocacy'.

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Commodities

Brick Court Chambers' Richard Lord QC, who is 'approachable and articulate in presenting a case'.

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Energy

Brick Court Chambers is noted for its 'great strength in depth, very strong barristers, and good clerking', and its members regularly appear in high-profile disputes; recent examples include *Berezovsky v Abramovich* and *Cherney v Deripaska*. Highly rated silks include Mark Howard QC (who is 'devastating in cross-examination'), Alan Maclean QC, who is 'a force to be reckoned with in the courtroom', and Helen Davies QC. Daniel Jowell QC is 'charming as an advocate and as an adviser', and Fionn Pilbrow is 'undoubtedly a star of the future'. Fellow junior Stephen Midwinter is also recommended. Roger Masfield QC took silk in 2013.

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EU and Competition

'A leading set for competition law', Brick Court Chambers has 'significant strength in depth at silk level'. Its barristers continue to appear in numerous seminal cases, including Intel's appeal against a €1bn fine for market abuse before the General Court in Luxembourg. Nicholas Green QC is 'a strong strategic thinker', and has an 'enormously effective' advocacy style. He recently appeared in *Intel v EU Commission*. David Anderson QC also regularly attracts roles in major European cases. The 'creative' Mark Brealey QC was involved in the *BCL Old Co v BASF* Supreme Court case, as well as the high-profile *Deutsche Bahn v Morgan Crucible* follow-on damages case. 'Team player' Mark Hoskins QC 'knows the law backwards', and is 'very good at managing huge and complex cases'. James Flynn QC is 'an iron fist in a velvet glove', and appeared in *Sky v Ofcom*. The 'user-friendly' Marie Demetriou QC is 'great at drafting', and is 'willing to get her hands dirty'. Helen Davies QC is 'clear and effective in written and oral advocacy'. David Vaughan QC is a veteran of major European cases, and 'excellent advocate' Fergus Randolph QC appeared in the high-profile *MasterCard* competition damages litigation. Aidan Robertson QC has 'very good client skills', and Daniel Jowell QC is an established silk for both commercial and EU and competition cases. Richard Gordon QC is 'extremely knowledgeable'.

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and *'an outstanding advocate'*. The *'very astute'* Jemima Stratford QC and *'user-friendly'* Derrick Wyatt QC are also recommended. *'A superb senior junior'*, Kelyn Bacon is *'bright'* and *'responsive'*, and *'gets the job done'*. *'First choice for competition litigation'*, Maya Lester is also on the rise. Other noteworthy juniors include the *'hardworking'* David Scannell ; *'standout junior'* Tony Singla, who has *'a fantastic legal brain'*; Robert O'Donoghue, who is *'a deep thinker on policy matters'*; Sarah Lee, who provides *'high-quality strategic and tactical input'*; and *'rising star'* Daniel Piccinin.

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Fraud: Civil

Brick Court Chambers fields *'some of the best commercial fraud silks in the world, and top-quality clerks'*. Noted figures include Mark Howard QC, who is *'undoubtedly a star'*; the *'phenomenally clever'* Mark Hapgood QC ; Michael Swainston QC, who is *'a good communicator'*; and Tim Lord QC (*'a creative thinker'*). Andrew Henshaw QC and Roger Masefield QC took silk in 2013. The *'commercially aware'* Stephen Midwinter and the *'very hardworking'* Fionn Pilbrow are among the recommended juniors.

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Insurance & Reinsurance

Brick Court Chambers' George Leggatt QC (now appointed to the High Court) led Simon Salzedo QC at the Court of Appeal in the £100m *ACE v Standard Life* case. Also recommended are the *'very commercial and clever'* Neil Calver QC ; Fionn Pilbrow, who is *'fantastic to deal with'*, and *'impresses clients'*; Jonathan Hirst QC, for his *'commercial, user-friendly advice'*; and Richard Lord QC, for marine and energy matters. Harry Matovu QC, Simon Birt, Tony Singla, and the *'very bright'* Stephen Midwinter also stand out, as does Roger Masefield QC, who took silk in 2013.

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International Arbitration

Brick Court Chambers is *'one of the strongest commercial sets in London'*. Hilary Heilbron QC's *'intelligence'* and *'responsiveness'* mark her out as *'one of the best QCs out there'*. Mark Howard QC is *'a devastating cross-examiner who gives clear and practical strategic advice'*. Michael Swainston QC is praised for his *'impressive advocacy and written submissions, and his tenacity when questioned by the tribunal'*. Neil Calver QC is *'a persuasive advocate, with genuine expertise in the international insurance arena'*. Alan Maclean QC is *'a very good advocate, with an encyclopaedic knowledge of the law'*. Simon Salzedo QC is *'a great all-rounder; user friendly, responsive, very able, and good with clients'*. Jasbir Dhillon QC *'prepares meticulously, and challenges both solicitors and clients in a charming but effective manner. He is an impressive advocate before arbitral tribunals, adapting his style where necessary'*. Among the juniors, Fionn Pilbrow is *'an up-and-coming star, with an excellent drafting style'*.

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Media, Entertainment and Sport

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The '*phenomenal*' Charles Hollander QC at Brick Court Chambers handles Formula 1, boxing and football cases, and Jonathan Hirst QC is commended for his '*consistently excellent strategic decisions*' in music and broadcasting disputes. Marie Demetriou QC represented the ECB in the *BskyB v Ofcom* competition case, and is singled out alongside the '*hands-on and pragmatic*' Helen Davies QC, who is '*brilliant on competition issues*'. Recommended juniors include Richard Blakeley, Oliver Jones, and '*future star*' Tony Singla .

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Mediators

Stephen Rutt QC at Brick Court Chambers enjoys an excellent reputation. Clients commend him as being '*well prepared and able to draw on his considerable experience of complex litigation*'. '*He lays out the ground very clearly at the start, and continues to help the parties after the mediation if it is not possible to reach a settlement on the day*'. He is unrivalled for shipping-related mediations, which make up around 30% of his practice.

Having been involved in full-time mediation since 1998, Tony Willis at Brick Court Chambers has established himself as an almost default choice among solicitors in the know, such is his reputation in the market. Complex, and often international, disputes are regularly on the agenda, and his background as managing partner and head of litigation at Clifford Chance means he is quick to earn the respect of both sides in high-value cases.

William Wood QC at Brick Court Chambers is another of the undisputed big names of mediation, and his position within the top tier is one that few would contest, particularly when it comes to large-scale financial services and insurance matters. Despite the increasingly complex and international nature of some of the mediations he is involved in, he still manages around 80 disputes a year.

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Professional Negligence

Brick Court Chambers has '*vast strength in depth*', and is '*very responsive and very commercial*'. Standout silks include the '*thorough*' Mark Hapgood QC, who has a '*wealth of experience*'; the '*outstanding*' Mark Howard QC ; Tom Adam QC, who has '*a keen intellect*'; the '*fantastic*' Neil Calver QC ; and Charles Hollander QC . Among the '*strong*' team of juniors, the '*top-notch*' Jonathan Dawid, the '*very responsive*' Fionn Pilbrow, and Peter Irvin are '*highly recommended*'. George Leggatt QC was recently appointed as a High Court judge.

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Public Procurement

Margaret Gray of Brick Court Chambers, who is noted for her expertise in the energy and environmental sectors, and has appeared in more than 30 cases before the Luxembourg courts.

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Shipping

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Other noteworthy practitioners include Richard Lord QC at Brick Court Chambers, who is *'highly commercial, and quick to see the wood from the trees'*

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