

**LEGAL 500 UK  
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## Competition Litigation – Tier 1

Hausfeld & Co LLP garners praise as ‘the leading competition litigation firm acting on the claimant side’. It excels in antitrust damages claims at UK and European level. The London-based group is increasingly present in the courts in the Netherlands, France and Spain, where it often works with local litigators. In a significant development, **Scott Campbell** was appointed as the head of the competition disputes department in October 2019. The team also includes London managing partner **Anthony Maton**, who is seen as ‘a trailblazer’ in the area of private competition law enforcement in the UK. **Lesley Hannah**, who is particularly prominent in the technology sector, ‘combines a great eye for detail with strategic and tactical vision for each case’. The ‘very able, pleasant, diligent and commercial’ **Anna Morfey** specialises in claims arising from alleged cartels in the trucks and the automotive industries. **Nicola Boyle** has had a leading role in pursuing claims on behalf of UK retailers against MasterCard and Visa in relation to unlawful interchange fees. Boyle and recently promoted partner **Tom Bolster** are also key contacts for multijurisdictional claims. In 2019, the group continued to expand, with there being a number of hires at counsel and associate level.

## Testimonials

‘In London, Hausfeld is the leading competition litigation firm acting on the claimant side. The team has over a decade of experience. The firm has offices elsewhere in Europe, which allows it to take a pan-European approach to managing claims.’

‘This excellent team is very easy to work with – it combines tactical acumen with a very pleasant manner. We regard the team as the leading practice in Europe on the claimant side dealing with antitrust damages claims.’

‘The team is hardworking and dedicated to securing a good outcome for its clients. It has a huge amount of experience in handling class action claims and understands the complexity of managing such litigation.’ - Competition Litigation

## Individual quotes

‘**Anthony Maton** is at the absolute top of his game.’  
Seen as ‘a trailblazer’ in the area of private competition law enforcement in the UK.

‘The recruitment of **Scott Campbell** in 2017 was useful to the firm, as he brought a

wealth of competition litigation experience with him.'

'**Anna Morfey** is very able, pleasant, diligent and commercial.'

'**Nicola Boyle** is a very effective litigator and a diligent case manager, with a very good overall strategic vision.'

'**Lesley Hannah** is an excellent lawyer, who combines a great eye for detail with strategic and tactical vision for each case.'

## Banking Litigation: Investment and Retail - Tier 4

Hausfeld & Co LLP is 'one of the go-to firms if you are an investor seeking to make a high-value claim against the big banks'. Its 'uniqueness lies in the "David and Goliath" nature of the litigation, in which Hausfeld is always acting for David'. Practice head **Lianne Craig** (who is 'very bright and absolutely incredible at strategic thinking') has a breadth of experience acting against banks including in manipulation of LIBOR and FX financial benchmarks claims, for which the 'charming, sensible, astute' **Anthony Maton** is also a key contact. Other names to note include the 'very experienced' **John McElroy**; **Lucy Pert**, whose 'invaluable' sector insight extends to litigation funding; recently promoted partner **David Lawne**; and 'extremely bright' senior associate **Simon Bishop** who 'has fantastic knowledge of financial products and banking processes'.

### Testimonials

'This team takes on litigation, often for individuals, against large corporations. This is notoriously difficult due to the disparity in resource and asymmetry of information. Its uniqueness lies in the "David and Goliath" nature of the litigation in which Hausfeld is always acting for David, with a commitment and skill for that role that is unrivaled in the London market.'

'They stand out as being some of the most personable people I have encountered in the legal sector. They are obviously extremely bright, hardworking and knowledgeable but they are also a real pleasure to work with.'

### Individual quotes

**Lianne Craig** is 'very bright and absolutely incredible at strategic thinking'

'Lianne Craig is an excellent lawyer and person of great integrity and clarity of vision – an absolute pleasure to work with.'

'Lianne Craig is excellent at taking the lead on cases. She balances strategy and bigger-picture thinking with being on top of the details perfectly and is well-liked by her juniors. She is very bright and absolutely incredible at strategic thinking and getting cases over the line. [...] Each of these is unusually easy to deal with and always works hard.'

'**Anthony Maton** is statesman-like – the guiding spirit of the London office. Charming, sensible, astute.'

'**Lucy Pert**'s management of very complex group litigation involving multiple fee-earners, experts and QCs has been very impressive. Her sector insight has been invaluable and she is very available and personable.'

'**John McElroy** is a very experienced litigator who is nevertheless, gentle, composed and measured. [...] Each of these is unusually easy to deal with and always works hard.'

'Senior associate **Simon Bishop** is extremely bright and has an exceptional eye for detail. He remains calm under pressure and is a real team player. He has consistently impressed me with his legal analysis and is probably the best non-partner solicitor I have ever worked with.'

'**Simon Bishop** is a great thinker and strategist. Each of these is unusually easy to deal with and always works hard. [...]

## Commercial Litigation: Premium – Tier 6

Conflict-free Hausfeld & Co LLP is 'very engaged in the issues at stake and go the extra mile'. It litigates against major defendants, such as banks and state-owned entities; and clients particularly appreciate the practice's willingness to share the risks of litigation through conditional fee agreements or damages-based agreements. **Lianne Craig** leads the commercial disputes team, which includes key partner **John McElroy**, who is experienced in high-profile, high-value financial disputes that frequently involve technical banking issues; and **Lucy Pert**, who is particularly focused on banking litigation. **Duran Ross** provides notable senior associate-level support.

### Individual quotes

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## Civil Liberties and Human Rights - Tier 3

The niche practice at Hausfeld & Co LLP handles claimant civil liberties matters that exist at the intersection with human rights and environmental litigation. Housed in London with further offices in Brussels and the Netherlands, the team is led by experienced litigator **Ingrid Gubbay** and undertakes environmental, climate change, and commercial litigation matters against corporations for a client roster, which includes activist Greta Thunberg. **Wessen Jazrawi** is particularly noted for her experience representing vulnerable individuals and acting in personal injury claims. The group also has a thriving pro-bono practice