Competition Law: Private Enforcement: Claimant: Band 1

What the team is known for

Leading player in competition damages claims that are founded on EC decisions on price-fixing cartels or abuse of dominance. Handles cases that combine follow-on claims with additional standalone elements relating to the duration and scope of suspected cartel activities. Often brings together large claimant groups in order to pursue claims in the UK or other key jurisdictions, working alongside the firm’s offices in Germany and the Netherlands. Has notable experience in representing clients from the transport, energy and technology sectors.

Work highlights

Represented Renault in major follow-on damages claims arising from anti-competitive behaviour in the automotive industry.

Strengths

Sources describe the lawyers as "professional, entrepreneurial in their thinking, rigorous in their treatment of the issues and enjoyable to work with."

A client adds: "We greatly value the hands-on experience the Hausfeld team brings to bear in their advice and spearheading our claims. They’re able to recommend tried and tested solutions having been through it all before."

Ranked individuals

Anthony Maton has an impressive track record representing clients in opt-out collective damages proceedings involving the transport and financial services industries.

Scott Campbell acts for claimants on damages actions arising from EC cartel decisions. He often acts for clients from the energy and retail industries.

"He is thoughtful, innovative, dependable, and someone who you would want on your side."

Nicola Boyle advises clients on claims for damages arising from price fixing and abuse of dominance matters. She is particularly active for multinational clients on domestic and international proceedings.

"She is good at managing complex cases and helping clients to negotiate in difficult multiparty situations."
Anna Morfey acts on claims in the transport, energy and technology sectors, assisting with opt-out collective claims and class actions.

"She is absolutely outstanding. She is a go-to partner for complex competition cases. She manages cases efficiently and effectively."

Banking Litigation: Mainly Claimant: Band 2

What the team is known for

Specialises in acting for corporate claimants in high-profile banking disputes against major financial institutions. Offers a dedicated team of litigators experienced in taking on complex commercial disputes that are often multi-jurisdictional in scope. Strong track record in acting for large claimant groups on cases relating to fraudulent misrepresentation and financial mis-selling. Also has experience handling matters concerning the manipulation of financial benchmarks.

Work highlights

Represented seven local authorities in a high-profile case against Barclays concerning Lender Option, Borrower Option (LOBO) loans, which the local authorities entered into with the bank between 2005 and 2008. The clients allege that Barclays made fraudulent misrepresentations to them concerning its manipulation of LIBOR, inducing them to enter into the LOBO loans.

Strengths

A market commentator reports: "They are very responsive, proactive and able to grasp the key issues quickly."

"They are dedicated to their clients and are always thinking outside the box to help things along," adds another source.

Ranked individuals

Lianne Craig is head of the firm's commercial disputes group and maintains a strong reputation for her litigation practice. She is highly accomplished at leading large-scale litigation against banks with regard to mis-selling, benchmark manipulation and other forms of financial misconduct.

"Lianne Craig is a real powerhouse in banking litigation." "She is an exceptional lawyer with really outstanding commercial judgement. Her strategy skills are the best I have ever seen - she can take a step back and see the bigger picture, and she is able to see how the other side thinks."

Anthony Maton is managing partner of the firm and an experienced financial litigator. He has notable expertise acting in high-profile cases against prominent financial institutions, particularly matters involving intersection between banking and competition law.

John McElroy impresses with his broad-based expertise in banking litigation. He represents clients in a variety of claims brought against both retail and commercial banks concerning alleged misconduct.

"He is very good on the base legal work, but also very strong at thinking outside the box. I had a very positive experience working with John."

Simon Bishop has a burgeoning litigation practice, with notable experience assisting with claims related to the mis-selling of financial products and benchmark manipulation. Ranked as an 'Associate to Watch'.

"He is exceptionally bright, very hard-working and operates at the level you would expect for a partner. He has an exceptional eye for the granular details." "He is a very sensible and helpful associate."
Litigation: Band 5

What the team is known for

Compact yet highly capable London team enhanced by the firm’s presence in both the USA and Europe. Notable financial disputes practice with particular strength in competition and banking litigation, including mis-selling of financial products and other matters of financial misconduct. Offers robust representation on claims brought against major UK and international clearing banks.

Strengths

"They are dedicated to their clients and are always thinking outside the box to help things along," says a source.

Notable practitioners

London managing partner Anthony Maton and head of commercial disputes Lianne Craig are two of the firm's key contacts.

Faye Moore joined Hausfeld and was ranked for 'Litigation: Midlands’ under her previous firm.

Ranked individual

Faye Moore is gaining significant experience in commercial litigation, including multi-jurisdictional cases. She regularly assists clients with breach of contract claims and professional negligence disputes. Ranked as an Associate to Watch.

"Faye is a go-to person for disputes - she's extremely approachable and technical, and instils confidence."

Product Liability: Mainly Claimant – UK-wide

Ranked individual

Sarah Moore shows particular strength advising at the intersection between the legal and scientific, and is therefore well equipped to handle claims relating to defective medical products. Ranked as Up and Coming.

"Sarah Moore combines a very strong knowledge of the law with very good people skills."