

**LEGAL 500 UK
2025 RANKINGS**



Competition litigation – Tier 1

Hausfeld fields a robust competition litigation offering which is capable of taking on some of the world's largest companies in CAT collective actions. A serious advocate firm for claimants, the team regularly pursues actions across Europe, particularly in the financial, pharma, tech, and automotive sectors. **Anthony Maton** is renowned for his role in growing the use of private enforcement actions. Highly experienced in the coordination of cross-border claims, practice head **Scott Campbell** advises on some of the firm's key cartel damages cases. **Nicola Boyle** regularly secures out-of-court settlements for her clients, including in large-scale litigations with multiple parties. **Lesley Hannah** is active in the tech sphere, bringing numerous abuse of dominance claims in this sector. **Tom Bolster** strengthens the practice with his deep understanding of the automotive industry, while **Luke Streatfeild** brings key defence experience to the practice. **Joanna Christoforou** joined the firm from Morgan, Lewis & Bockius UK LLP in June 2024.

About the team

'The whole team, without exception, have been fantastic to work with. Every issue is well-considered by an extremely smart

team. Stands out for its collaborative approach. I have been kept informed, involved and included at all stages of the claim.'

'I have huge confidence in all of the individual members of the team I work with. They have been confident and reassuring when faced with defendants' arguments. They are extremely well-organised and clear about timelines and deadlines to keep projects moving. They have been responsive and thoughtful in answering all my questions.'

'Hausfeld is the most highly regarded claimant competition litigation team. They are involved in many of the highest-profile cases. They have strength at all levels of fee-earners. They provide excellent client service and achieve fantastic results.'

'The Hausfeld team has strength and depth in its offering - to a far greater extent than any of the other claimant-side firms. It has real and significant competition litigation expertise throughout the partners.'

'Hausfeld have an unparalleled understanding of claimant-side competition litigation. They are commercially and strategically astute.'

Recommended lawyers

Hall of fame: **Anthony Maton**

Leading partner: **Scott Campbell**

Leading partner 'Nicola Boyle is one of the best lawyers I have ever worked with. She is the complete practitioner.'

Leading partner: **Joanna Christoforou**

'Lesley Hannah is the person you would want running your case - clear-minded, determined, and able to juggle the many tactical and legal challenges of large-scale litigation.'

Next generation partner: **Tom Bolster**
Next generation partner: **Luke Streatfeild**

Other key lawyers

'Wessen Jazrawi balances a strategic overview of complex issues with a vigorous attention to detail.'

Lianne Craig, Andrew Bullion, David Lawne, Tim Brown, Aqeel Kadri, Amandine Gueret, Sofie Edwards Stella Gartagani, Kio Gwilliam and Luke Grimes

Group litigation, claimant – Tier 1

Hausfeld continues to strengthen its international capabilities, representing groups of claimants in competition claims across Europe. The team fields specialist expertise in collective redress and is at the forefront of the development of various collective redress mechanisms; it is active in the filing of UK group actions in the CAT. Practice head **Nicola Boyle** demonstrates prowess in reaching out-of-court settlements in multi-party litigation. With particular expertise in the technology sector, **Lesley Hannah** brings extensive experience in collective damages and

abuse of dominance claims to the team. **Luke Streatfeild** boasts established claimant and defence practices in collective proceedings. **Lianne Craig** plays a key role in the firm's European expansion, thanks to her connections to the Spanish market. **Aqeel Kadri, David Lawne** and **Simon Bishop** are other key contacts in the team. ...

About the team

'The firm operates at the cutting edge of opt-out class actions including, not just competition law, but also in the emerging area of opt-out representative actions under CPR 19.8. The firm has a uniquely talented team in this sector. Head and shoulders above the competition.'

'Hausfeld is perhaps the most well-known name in group litigation in London. They are most well known in their core area of competition law but have been steadily building on that expertise into new areas of group action.'

'Hausfeld are undoubtedly the leading claimant solicitors in the London market, with a remarkable number of group actions ongoing.'

'Hausfeld offers a diverse, multilingual and extremely professional team. With knowledge of the law in different countries, the service is extremely well-balanced. Professionalism runs thick in the firm and are always able to give a well-balanced, nuanced and educated opinion on a complex matter.'

'The team in Hausfeld is well-rounded and innovative. The knowledge of different jurisdictions allows them not only to know all the ground-breaking cases but also be able to provide specific advice depending on the case.'

Recommended lawyers

Leading partner: **Nicola Boyle**

Leading partner: **Lesley Hannah**

Other key lawyers

'**Luke Streatfeild** really stands out for his outstanding judgment and effectiveness in putting together and leading a brilliant team. Associate **Ginevra Biccio** is notable, someone tipped for the top.' and 'Luke Streatfeild is very good. Very pragmatic and strategic.'

'**Ned Beale** is an outstanding solicitor in this field for all the reasons given above regarding the firm generally. He is unbelievably hard working and has outstanding judgment as to what will fly in front of a judge.'

Sofie Edwards, Kio Gwilliam, Luke Grimes

Banking litigation, investment and retail - Tier 3

Hausfeld has a strong background acting against large banks and financial institutions, including in group actions. The 'fearless' team is also adept at handling disputes related to loan financing, derivatives transactions and banking misconduct claims.

Lucy Pert plays a lead role in key disputes, including a high-profile LIBOR manipulation claim along with **Simon Bishop**, who also brings in-house expertise in derivatives and structured products. Clients praise **David Lawne** for his 'exceptional legal prowess, strategic acumen, and steadfast dedication'. **Ned Beale** also boasts a strong track record in banking disputes, including in the retail banking sphere.

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About the team

'Hausfeld is fearless in taking on the establishment in difficult and interesting cases. They fight extremely hard for their clients and have a unique ability to find a way through the trickiest of cases to achieve

great outcomes. They are also a pleasure to work with and take a collaborative approach to a case, working closely with experts and counsel.'

'Hausfeld distinguishes itself through its unwavering dedication to representing clients in complex and high-stakes banking disputes. Potential clients would be drawn to the team's strengths in navigating the intricacies of investment and retail banking law, supported by a deep bench of experienced litigators and industry experts.'

Recommended lawyers

Leading partner: **Lianne Craig**

Leading partner: **Lucy Pert**

'Ned Beale, Lucy Pert and Anthony Maton - the best in the market.'

Other key lawyers

'**Anthony Maton** - a star, a real class act. He understands exactly what is happening in any case but has a professional level of circumspection and detachment when things don't work out perfectly.'

Ned Beale

'**David Lawne** shines for his exceptional legal prowess, strategic acumen, and steadfast dedication to achieving favourable outcomes for clients. What distinguishes him from his peers is his profound expertise in banking law and his knack for crafting innovative legal strategies tailored to the specific nuances of each case.' and '**David Lawne** - a delight to work with. I enjoy working with David immensely, since I can just pick up the phone and chat things through with him.'

'I worked with **Simon Bishop** and **Chrysanthi Bampali** at Hausfeld. They were both brilliant. There were times when I needed to listen to their advice, which was given professionally, courteously and in a simple but effective way.' and 'Simon

Bishop: technically brilliant and a great strategic brain - he is simultaneously on top of every detail of the case and also has an excellent understanding of the big picture and how the case is likely to play out. Has a skill for identifying and leveraging the other side's weaknesses. He is also a real pleasure to work with.'

Commercial litigation, premium - Tier 4

Noted for its established claimant practice, Hausfeld is increasingly focused on defendant-side litigation. Drawing on its global network, the 'efficient and effective' group is well placed to advise on disputes with cross-border elements. **Ned Beale** is praised as 'smart, sharp and very responsive' and focuses his disputes practice on the aviation industry, while **Lucy Pert** excels in commercial disputes, particularly concerning the financial services sector. **Lianne Craig** strengthens the firm's international capabilities, frequently advising Spanish clients. **Simon Bishop** brings a background in financial services to the team, and **Jonathan Amior** is also recommended. ...

About the team

'A commercial litigation department that is growing in size, stature and confidence. It is increasingly handling high-profile, high-value matters and achieving great results. Ned Beale is at the forefront of this department and is a major talent to the firm. It has a hard-working environment which is focused on delivering the highest service to its clients. The house style is efficient and effective.'

Recommended lawyers

Leading partner: **Lianne Craig**

Leading partner: **Ned Beale**

'**Ned Beale**. Simply the best litigator out there. My go-to solicitor.'

'We have worked with **Ned Beale**. All that is said about Hausfeld team is applicable to Ned as well. On several occasions he offered his support/advice for matters not related to main case. It was as friendly advice, and he didn't charge for his time. So, working with Ned is as working with old friend. Very easy and comfortable.'

'**Ned Beale** is our main point of contact. He is smart, sharp and very responsive! Would recommend Ned without reservations!'

'**Ned Beale** is an outstanding litigator. He has a first-class brain, thinks outside the box, is creative and thinks laterally. One of the rising stars in the profession. He fights his client's corner vigorously - but he is also very flexible and highly adept at changing approach when the facts change. He has excellent judgment and clients and associates like to work and be led by him.'

Other key lawyers

Greg Lascelles

'**Jonathan Amior** is down to earth and friendly, yet on top of all the details.' and '...always available and responsive.'

'**Alex Cooper** was outstanding. I am a qualified solicitor myself, then working in-house and used Alex as external counsel on a tricky and contentious matter, and they were the ideal choice.'

International arbitration - Tier 6

Hausfeld's international arbitration department is growing in size, stature and confidence'. The London team has notable expertise in banking, finance and aviation arbitrations, as well as claimant-side insurance matters. **Ned Beale**, who is 'nothing short of outstanding', acts in commercial arbitrations that involve aviation or CIS aspects. **Lucy Pert** assists with international commercial arbitrations, including under the LCIA and ICC rules. ...

About the team

'Well-prepared and confident negotiators. The team is specialised in commercial disputes, and as such has developed very good expertise and judgement about the best way to approach disputes.'

'They are well seasoned. The team demonstrates that it is able to hone in on the key issues. And they do this with emotional intelligence and commercial common sense.'

'The individuals are all extremely professional, responsive and a pleasure to deal with. They provide a nice balance between being strong advocates, but they are also direct in pointing out any weaknesses in any particular position.'

'They provide a thoughtful strategy and approach to trying to reach a good outcome.'

Key lawyers

'Hausfeld's international arbitration department is growing in size, stature and confidence. It is increasingly handling high-profile, high-value matters, and achieving great results. **Ned Beale** is at the forefront of this. He is a major talent at the firm.'

'**Lucy Pert** and **Ned Beale** are outstanding lawyers who think before they act and strive for their clients.'

'**Ned Beale** is nothing short of outstanding. He has a first-class brain, thinks outside the box, is creative, and thinks laterally. He fights his client's corner vigorously, but he is also very flexible and highly adept at changing approach when the facts change.'

Rebecca Warder

Civil liberties and human rights - Tier 3

Ingrid Gubbay is recommended as a *leading lawyer*.

Environment - Tier 3

Praised for knowing 'how to resource cases most effectively and how to play to strengths', dispute resolution law firm Hausfeld notably acts for claimants across areas such as climate change litigation and environmental damage-driven litigation. The practice is jointly chaired by **Ingrid Gubbay**, a highly experienced litigator who continues to handle significant class actions, and banking litigation specialist **Simon Bishop**, noted for his expertise at the intersection of financial markets and climate change. 'Clear, quick and really clever', **Wessen Jazrawi**'s recent workload covers both domestic and international proceedings, including before the Supreme Court.

About the team

'The Hausfeld team are strategic in their approach to litigation, understanding the broader context and the motivations of clients when advising.'

'Hausfeld works together so seamlessly as a team: they seem to have a really strong handle on what each other are doing, how to resource cases most effectively and how to play to strengths.'

Key lawyers

'**Simon Bishop** and the team understand the broader context and wider strategic motivations of clients.'

'**Ingrid Gubbay** continues to be a leading light: pushing legal boundaries.'

'**Wessen Jazrawi** is a brilliant lawyer: clear, quick and really clever.'

Nicola Boyle