Competition Law: Private Enforcement: Claimant – Band 1

What the team is known for

Hausfeld is a leading player in competition damages claims that are founded on EC decisions on price-fixing cartels or abuse of dominance. The team handles cases that combine follow-on claims with additional standalone elements relating to the duration and scope of suspected cartel activities. It 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. The department has notable experience in representing clients from the transport, energy and technology sectors.

Strengths

"The team is exceptionally strong in handling complex litigation matters and simplifying the process, language and the work required."

"The team combines a very thorough knowledge of the law with pragmatic and strategic thinking to deliver solid, outcome-focused advice."

"Not only have I been immensely impressed by their partners, but their associates are absolutely outstanding. They have a conveyor belt of stars in the making."

Ranked individuals

Eminent practitioner, Anthony Maton, has an impressive track record representing clients in opt-out collective damages proceedings involving the transport and financial services industries. As of January 2022, he acts as global co-chair of Hausfeld. "He is a genuine entrepreneur and he dares to do things differently."

"Anthony is a first-rate leader of the firm."

Scott Campbell is the head of Hausfeld's London competition disputes team. He acts for claimants on damages actions arising from EC cartel decisions. He often advises clients from the energy and retail industries. "Scott Campbell is unbelievably organised. He plans and he structures and it works."

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 very pragmatic and knows which points to push forward."

"Nicola Boyle is
very solid and she knows a good case when she sees it."

Anna Morfey acts on claims in the transport, energy and technology sectors, assisting with opt-out collective claims and class actions. "Anna Morfey is a class act." "She can see things from both ends."

Up and coming Lesley Hannah frequently acts for class representatives in opt-out collective proceedings against companies accused of abusive conduct. She is well placed to handle claims in the technology sector. "Lesley Hannah is super-smart and unerringly focused on strategic outcomes. Her advice is clear, direct and well thought out." "Lesley combines technical excellence with innovative thinking and a fearless attitude to take on the most powerful defendants."

Banking Litigation: UK-wide

Ranked individuals

Anthony Maton is global co-chair of the firm and an experienced financial litigator. He has notable expertise acting in high-profile cases against prominent financial institutions, particularly matters involving the intersection between banking and competition law. "He is a genuine entrepreneur and he dares to do things differently." "Anthony is a first-rate leader of the firm."

Lianne Craig "She is an excellent individual who is able to focus on key issues." "She is a wonderful leader who is incredibly smart, hard-working and very dedicated and delivers exceptional client service."

John Mc Elroy is "intelligent, sensible and personable." and "John was excellent at advising and guiding us through the UK litigation process. He is easy to work with, responsive and a good attorney."

Lucy Pert has extensive experience managing international, cross-border litigation. She is well placed to advise clients on litigation funding matters and financial services. Pert’s clients include corporates, high net worth individuals, hedge funds, private equity funds and insolvency practitioners. "Lucy has really good expertise and is very commercial and very articulate." and "She is terrific and energetic; she is a niche player in the banking world."

Up and coming Simon Bishop has a burgeoning litigation practice, with notable experience assisting with claims relating to the mis-selling of financial products and benchmark manipulation. "He has an excellent understanding of client needs and is solution-focused." and "Simon has an excellent grasp of the issues."

Associate to watch, Faye Moore, joined Hausfeld from Pinsent Masons in September 2021. She has significant experience in commercial litigation, including multi-jurisdictional cases.

Banking Litigation: Mainly Claimant – Band 2

What the team is known for

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

"The team have shown excellent awareness of the commercial realities and external landscape."

"The firm have good relationships with funders and all relevant parties in the market."

"The team are very responsive and quick turning."

**Ranked individuals**

**Lianne Craig** is the managing partner of the firm and enjoys a strong reputation for litigation. She is highly accomplished at leading large-scale litigation against banks with regard to mis-selling, benchmark manipulation and other forms of financial misconduct.

**Commercial & Corporate Litigation, London – Band 5**

**What the team is known for**

Hausfeld acts predominantly for claimants involved in financial, corporate and commercial disputes. The firm’s wide-ranging experience includes shareholder litigation and contractual claims, as well as disputes relating to investment funds.

**Strengths**

"The firm provides balanced advice and incredible attention to detail."

"Everyone we have worked with at Hausfeld has been extremely knowledgeable and good to work with."

The team has been very well versed in all aspects of strategy for the matter at hand. They are very good at keeping me informed and guiding decisions on how to approach the case."

"Their skill in analysing complex multi-party disputes is second to none."

**Group Litigation: Claimant – Band 2**

**What the team is known for**

Hausfeld is noted for its focus on claimant representation, particularly in cases concerning competition law and the banking sector. Its team of highly experienced litigators is known for representing large groups of claimants in collective actions with particular strength in handling substantial opt-out claims.

**Strengths**

"The team is always on top of the issues and has the range of staff to deal with unusual problems."

"They have a range of expertise in competition matters and consumer protection that is coupled with distinct depth in other skills required for collective proceedings."

"Hausfeld delivers thoughtful and practical work with a constant eye to maximising efficiency and delivering to budget."

"They always keep me up to date, they get all the documents I need on time, and their preparation is exemplary."

**Product Liability: Mainly Claimant – UK-wide.**

**Ranked individuals**

**Sarah Moore**, a partner at Hausfeld, 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.
"Sarah Moore is one of the most scientifically and technically literate lawyers in product liability," "Sarah is a very experienced and capable lawyer. She has always shown a lot of commitment to her clients and tries to get best outcome for them." and "She is an excellent communicator who gives honest feedback. She goes above and beyond for her clients."

Environment: Claimant - Band 2

Hausfeld boasts a stellar and impressive environment practice that represents NGOs, charities and groups of claimants in both domestic and international courts. The firm has notable experience handling environmental petitions, private nuisance claims and legal interventions. Its lawyers are also active in judicial reviews against the UK government in respect of breaches of environmental law. Additionally, it has a fast-growing practice in climate change-related issues.

Strengths

"Their strength is the breadth of their experience in cross-cutting areas of the law."

"Hausfeld have a very active team at the senior and junior end who are good at exploring options, such as domestic tribunals or international rights committees."

Environment: Climate Change Mainly Claimant – Band 2

Ranked individuals

Ingrid Gubbay is a seasoned litigator who heads the human rights and environmental practice at Hausfeld. She has noteworthy experience in the climate change space and acts for a range of clients in domestic and international challenges. "She is incredibly well informed, up to date and has a broad knowledge of the area of environmental law."

Lianne Craig is a notable practitioner.

David Lawne is noted for commercial litigation expertise and applies this knowledge to the climate change space. His recent work includes advice for a UK charity in a landmark climate change action in the ECtHR. "What sets him apart is his excellent judgement, which is a rare quality." and "His legal skills and his analysis are really great."