

# LEGAL 500 UK 2026 RANKINGS



# Competition litigation – Tier 1

With market-leading expertise in complex damages claims and collective actions before the CAT, Hausfeld remains a prominent force in the private enforcement of competition law across the UK and Europe. Led by Scott Campbell, the firm continues to file a significant number of claims, including high-profile actions against major technology companies, reflecting its strong capabilities in digital markets. Anthony Maton serves as global co-chair. Nicola Boyle is highly experienced in damages recovery and collective redress. Joanna Christoforou strengthened the team upon joining from Morgan Lewis in June 2024. Tom Bolster is recognised for his expertise in the automotive sector, while Lesley Hannah has played a key role in the firm's ongoing abuse of dominance claims. Luke Streatfeild brings extensive experience on both the claimant and defence sides. Belinda Hollway joined the firm in June 2025.

# About the team

'Hausfeld are THE competition litigation team - you have to have a good reason not to use them rather than to use them!' 'Hausfeld are the leading claimant firm practicing in competition litigation. They pursue the most substantial cases, and have incomparable experience in his area.'

'In our fast-moving food wholesale industry, having the right legal team is critical - and Hausfeld proved to be just that. Their expertise in competition litigation was instrumental for us to successfully pursue claims in the most difficult circumstances.'

'I have worked with very many impressive individuals at Hausfeld.'

## **Recommended lawyers**

Hall of fame 'Anthony Maton wears his enormous experience lightly, but brings that experience to bear when difficult decisions have to be made.'

Leading partner: Scott Campbell

Leading partner 'Nicola Boyle is a fantastic leader of the team.'

Leading partner: Joanna Christoforou

Next generation partner: Lesley Hannah

Next generation partner: Tom Bolster

Next generation partner: 'Luke Streatfeild is another brilliant partner, who combines a

great intellect with a calm composure.' 'Very experienced and the big name in claimant-side antitrust litigation.'

## Other key lawyers

'Working with partner **Nicola Boyle** and **Julia von Eitzen** is a game-changer for us. Their deep understanding of the food wholesale sector and great sense of relevant business details allowed us to navigate high-stakes follow-on litigation cases easily.'

'David Lawne is a dedicated and brilliant litigator who has a laser like focus on the case and a remarkable mastery of the facts.'

Anthony Maton, Scott Campbell, Lesley Hannah, Joanna Christoforou, Tom Bolster, Belinda Hollway, Amandine Gueret

# Group litigation, claimant – Tier 1

Hausfeld's group litigation practice handles large-scale, complex group actions with 'precision, coordination and unwavering strategic focus'. The team is particularly recognised for its competition prowess, notably acting on leading matters under the CAT collective regime. ESG litigation is another strength of the practice. Nicola Boyle is a 'brilliant leader', and boasts extensive expertise on technical elements of damage recovery and collective redress, while Lesley Hannah is praised for 'achieving fantastic results'. Anthony Maton acts on a range of high-value financial services cases, while Luke Streatfeild is adept at handling collective proceedings on the claimant and defence side. The team has seen significant arrivals in the last year, including Joanna Christoforou and Daniel Hunt from Morgan, Lewis & Bockius UK LLP and Freshfields, respectively.

### About the team

'Hausfeld have a very impressive Group Litigation practice. They provide an excellent service and, given their expertise in conducting large-scale claims, can deal with the factual, legal and procedural complexities with ease.'

'Hausfeld delivered in our follow-on group litigation with precision, coordination, and unwavering strategic focus. Their ability to manage a complex, multi-claimant, multi-defendant case with agility and effectiveness was extraordinary. Communication was seamless, risks were clearly explained, and we felt in control at every stage.'

'I have known the Hausfeld firm since before they even set up in the UK; they set up ahead of their rivals and took a risk on the claimant sector growing. They put their money where their mouths were and took a significant risk to get the sector onto a sound footing before their rivals. They are THE firm in the sector and set the standards for others to follow.'

## **Recommended lawyers**

Leading partner 'Nicola Boyle is a brilliant leader of the time, who is extremely able and very easy to work with.'

Leading partner: Lesley Hannah

# Other key lawyers

'I have also been impressed by other partners, such as **Lesley Hannah**, who achieves fantastic results.'

'[Nicola Boyle] is supported by excellent associates, such as **Jonothan Broadbent**.'

Anthony Maton, Luke Streatfeild, Joanna Christoforou, Daniel Hunt, Jonothan Broadbent

# Banking litigation, investment and retail - Tier 3

Hausfeld has a 'formidable reputation in banking litigation, particularly in matters involving complex investment and retail disputes'. The team specialises in complex financial services disputes, including LIBOR and FX litigation, leading securities claims, and banking misconduct matters. Lucy Pert is 'very sharp, assertive and adept at winning litigation', and heads the team with Ned Beale. Anthony Maton is a 'truly distinguished figure in the world of litigation', and is particularly skilled at handling FX matters. 'Thorough lawyer' Simon Bishop specialises in derivatives and structured products, while **Greg Lascelles** focuses on FCA disputes. Rachael Baillie-Barnes is an 'emerging star', and is noted alongside the 'very dedicated, smart, and resultsfocused' Ellen Gracey.

### About the team

'Hausfeld has developed a formidable reputation in banking litigation, particularly in matters involving complex investment and retail disputes. The team demonstrates exceptional legal and analytical skill, coupled with a deep understanding of financial markets and products. Their approach is strategic, meticulous and always aligned with their clients' commercial objectives.'

'The commercial litigation team at Hausfeld brings together a winning combination of dedicated lawyers who are utterly focused on meeting the needs of their clients. Their diverse offering lends itself to high quality performance. They are sharp, responsive and extremely adept at providing quality legal advice. They are one of my 'go-to' firms for referrals.'

### **Recommended lawyers**

Leading partner 'Lucy Pert - very sharp, assertive and adept at winning litigation.'
Other key lawyers

'Anthony Maton is a truly distinguished figure in the world of litigation.' 'He is a bit of a Jedi Master - he wears his enormous experience lightly, but brings that experience to bear when difficult decisions have to be made.'

**'Simon Bishop** - a thorough lawyer who is able to grapple with complex issues and simplify them for clients.'

'David Lawne is a dedicated and brilliant litigator who has a laser like focus on the case and a remarkable mastery of the facts. His mastering of the brief is remarkable and his focus on getting outcomes is a marvel.'

'Greg Lascelles brings a wealth of talent, experience and strategic brilliance to this ambitious and talented team.'

'Edward Nyman is a stand-out associate.'

'Ellen Gracey - a star in the making- very dedicated, smart, and results-focused.'

'Rachael Baillie-Barnes - probably the smartest associate I have ever encountered.'

# Commercial litigation, premium - Tier 4

Praised for its 'sharp legal minds who combine technical mastery with a commercial, solution-oriented approach', Hausfeld acts for high-profile claimants and defendants on complex disputes, covering competition matters, class actions, and litigation funding. 'Sharp, focused and very knowledgeable', **Ned Beale** leads the team with Lucy Pert, distinguished for her 'sense of judgement, strategic clarity, and ability to simplify complex legal and factual matrices'. Simon Bishop is praised as a 'highly intellectual, rigorous and deep thinker', with in-depth knowledge of derivatives and structured products. Greg Lascelles and David Lawne are also noted.

### About the team

'Hausfeld is in the Champions League of commercial disputes specialists. Its team deals with cases of the very highest value and greatest complexity, and is never afraid to take on the combined firepower of 'magic circle' opponents. They are the team that a client wants fighting for it in the biggest and most complex cases, against massively well-resourced defendants.'

'Gutsy, determined, and will leave no stone unturned in getting the best result possible for their clients. They take on the big American and magic circle firms with ease and are brilliant at thinking creatively and tactically maneuvering to make the most of their client's case. Also a pleasure to work with, attracts bright, friendly people and seems to have a great team culture.'

'What makes the team at Hausfeld unique is the strategic depth they bring to high-stakes litigation like in our case, which involved cross-border complexities, regulatory sensitivities, and multi-jurisdictional enforcement.' 'We approached Hausfeld because we value sharp legal minds who combine technical mastery with a commercial, solution-oriented approach. And we found their litigators are seasoned advocates and tacticians who understand the broader business implications of legal disputes.'

'A shout out also to the Hausfeld associates: they are always reliable, conscientious and good-humoured.'

# Recommended lawyers

Leading partner 'Ned Beale is an outstanding leader of its commercial litigation group. He has repeatedly attracted some of the largest clients in the City - no mean feat.'

# Other key lawyers

'Simon Bishop, Lucy Pert and Ned Beale are all brilliant lawyers and each have the ability to both be on top of every detail of the case and also think strategically and see the bigger picture. They are all excellent technical lawyers with a real interest in pushing legal boundaries and taking on the tricky cases. They are also all a pleasure to work with.'

'We worked with **Lucy Pert**. What sets her apart is her sense of judgment, strategic clarity, and ability to simplify complex legal and factual matrices. Lucy stands out for her command in complex international disputes and cross-border enforcement matters. And her ability to cut through complexity and remain focused on outcomes.'

'Greg Lascelles is an excellent and dynamic partner, with sound judgment and excellent client management.'

**'Simon Bishop** is highly intellectual, rigorous and deep-thinking in his approach to his cases.

# International arbitration - Tier 5

Hausfeld houses experts in financial services, aviation, and policyholder insurance arbitral claims. Appointed as coheads of commercial dispute resolution in June 2024, **Ned Beale** is 'utterly focused on delivering winning results for clients'; and **Lucy Pert's** international, cross-border commercial arbitration caseload includes proceedings under LCIA and ICC rules, as well as ad hoc cases. The practice further showcases **Greg Lascelles**, a September 2024 arrival from Covington & Burling LLP, who acts in high-value commercial arbitrations; and the 'extremely capable' **Hana Tawfik**.

#### About the team

'The team offers a winning combination of talented solutions-based lawyers, who are experienced in all aspects of drafting, written advocacy, negotiations, and case management.'

'The Hausfeld team has hands-on experience in handling all aspects of arbitration claims.'

## **Key lawyers**

'Ned Beale is a strategic thinker, who works to identify solutions for his clients.' 'Ned Beale sets up winning arguments from the earliest stages of proceedings, and does not shy away from difficult issues.' 'Ned Beale is utterly focused on delivering winning results for clients.'

'Hana Tawfik is talented, sharp and hardworking, and a natural leader' and 'is an extremely capable, hands-on lawyer.'

Lucy Pert, Greg Lascelles, Rebecca Warder, Edward Nyman

# Civil liberties and human rights - Tier 4

**Ingrid Gubbay** is recommended as a *leading lawyer*.

# **Environment - Tier 3**

Hausfeld is a highly sought-after disputes firm with a strong focus on environmental and climate litigation. Ingrid Gubbay leads on strategic domestic and international actions for NGOs and communities, including groundbreaking work before the UN. Simon Bishop advises NGOs and asset managers on climate-related corporate reporting, regulatory, and financial market issues. David Lawne is active in climate-focused judicial reviews and litigation before UK and European courts.

#### About the team

'Hausfeld's environment practice stands out for its combination of legal expertise, strategic thinking, and genuine commitment to advancing climate justice through litigation. The team's work is rooted in a deep understanding of both the legal complexities and the broader societal implications of climate and environmental harms.'

'Hausfeld is willing to go the extra mile to get the job done. Their understanding of the philanthropically funded litigation space is second to none as far as London law firms are concerned.'

## **Key lawyers**

'Ingrid Gubbay, David Lawne and Simon Bishop are key members of the team. Their extensive expertise in public law, commercial law and international law give them an edge over their competitors particularly when taking on cases which have an international context.'

'Ingrid Gubbay is a leading figure in the field—her strategic acumen, commitment to public interest litigation, and ability to foster meaningful collaborations across sectors make her a truly exceptional practitioner.'

'Ingrid Gubbay's depth of expertise is impressive and highly valued amongst her peers in this field of law. They all use their public law expertise, their commercial knowledge and international experience to their client's advantage.'

**'Simon Bishop** is a steady pair of hands and extremely practical.'

'Ginevra Bicciolo is extremely diligent and a pleasure to work with.'