Competition Litigation – Tier 1

Hausfeld & Co LLP is ‘the leading claimant firm for competition litigation’, according to clients, with it having been at the forefront of innovation in the market for many years. It has acted for claimants in follow-on damages actions relating to all of the major cartel cases over the last decade. Scott Campbell leads the practice, which litigates in the CAT and High Court, as well as appellate courts up to the Supreme Court. In addition, the team is also experienced in work spanning several other European jurisdictions. Managing partner Anthony Maton, is described by one client as ‘the single most influential lawyer in UK and European claimant antitrust litigation’; he has a long history of bringing groundbreaking claims, most recently in relation to the Trucks cartel. Other key practitioners include Nicola Boyle, who led on the Interchange fees litigation, and consumer rights expert Anna Morfey. Lesley Hannah is also recommended.

About the team

"Hausfeld are the leading claimant side competition practice in the UK. They are at the top of their game, involved in some of the biggest and most influential cases in the UK in this area.

Their stand out team have depth of knowledge and experience which, as a now large practice, sets them apart from others with an equivalent size/footprint."

"Hausfeld has a preeminent reputation in competition litigation from the claimant side. There are few (if any) firms representing claimants which can compare with the strength and depth of Hausfeld’s offering in terms of experience and expertise."

"Hausfeld is an exceptional claimant firm that is a specialist in building competition, consumer and data claims – whether follow-on or standalone – including collective actions. Number of high calibre partners and experienced associates."

"Without a doubt, the leading claimant firm for competition litigation. They blazed the trail which others now follow."

Recommended lawyers

Anthony Maton – Leading Individual: heads the London firm. He is the single most influential lawyer in UK and European claimant antitrust litigation. He now has a number of very talented partners in the firm.

Scott Campbell: ranked as a Leading Individual.
Nicola Boyle: ranked as a Leading Individual.

Anna Morfey: ranked as a Leading Individual.

Lesley Hannah - Next Generation Partner: Experienced, calm, knowledgeable, strategic, innovative. Lesley has a determined yet approachable manner. As a client you know from the outset she is on your side and is going to fight your corner. Lesley is ranked as a ‘Next Generation Partner’.

Other key lawyers: Tom Bolster and Wessen Jazrawi.

Banking Litigation: Investment and Retail – Tier 4

Hausfeld & Co LLP’s commercial disputes practice acts for claimants in 'complex contentious banking and investment matters with pragmatism and expertise'. The 'absolutely brilliant' Lianne Craig leads the team which includes managing partner Anthony Maton, John McElroy, 'brilliant partner' Lucy Pert and Ned Beale, who recently joined from Trowers & Hamlins LLP. With previous experience working in the financial services sector, senior associate Simon Bishop is 'a real asset to claimants when litigating against banks'.

About the team

"Hausfeld’s banking and finance practice attracts some of the most interesting and high-profile banking disputes around, tending to work for claimants/borrowers against financial institutions. The firm has a similar ethos to some of the smaller litigation boutiques, but within the fully functioning infrastructure and resourcing of a larger firm, which means that they are able to easily keep pace with their Big Law opponents in substantial cases."

"Nimble and effective litigators with great expertise and a commitment to claimant work."

"Probably the go-to firm acting on the investor/borrower side of the market: quite superb in this space."

"The team handles complex contentious banking and investment matters with pragmatism and expertise. Industry knowledge coupled with commercial insights and understanding what the client wants. Cross-border matters are second nature to them. Their highly professional and responsive team are a pleasure to work with."

Recommended lawyers

Lianne Craig – Leading Individual: is absolutely brilliant. She is an exceptional technical lawyer who has a real eye for detail, but she is also an outstanding litigation strategist who is able to manoeuvre tricky situations to achieve brilliant outcomes for her clients. She is also fantastic at managing a team and a case and has taken Hausfeld’s banking practice from strength to strength. In short, she is a real star.

Lianne Craig is a genius in devising clever approaches and without match.

John McElroy – Next Generation Partner: is clear and concise in his advice, takes charge of a matter and communicates well throughout. The relative merits of a client’s position are addressed honestly and sensitively.

Lucy Pert: is a brilliant partner: clever and with a feel for the right answer.

Simon Bishop: is fantastically bright and remains the best Associate/Senior Associate that I have worked with. He has insider industry experience, having previously worked in banking, which is a real asset to claimants when litigating against banks."
Simon is very hard-working, has an unparalleled eye for detail and really gets stuck into the substance of his cases, with a degree of enthusiasm and rigour that goes well above and beyond the norm. He is brilliant with clients and colleagues, clients and counsel all love working with him. Simon is also very business-minded and is brilliant at spotting legal trends and identifying emerging issues in litigation – a real thought leader.

**Other key lawyers:** Anthony Maton.

**Commercial Litigation: Premium – Tier 5**

Hausfeld & Co LLP's 'nimble and effective' commercial litigation team is a popular choice for claimant-side representation and is experienced in providing flexible fee, third-party funding and insurance arrangements. The 'exceptionally impressive' practice head Lianne Craig ('a real star of the commercial litigation sphere') is popular with Spanish clients. Other key lawyers include John McElroy (who is noted for his 'excellent litigation strategy instincts'), Lucy Pert and Ned Beale, who recently joined from Trowers & Hamlins LLP and has particular expertise in the aviation and media sectors.

**About the team**

"The team is highly driven to meet client aims. It may be linked to the fact that the firm often works on a contingency basis. However, I think it is more than that – the lawyers genuinely care about their clients and the approach is led by example by Anthony Maton. The lawyers in the team have a diverse range of backgrounds – most have been at other firms previously. This gives a beneficial mix of styles, approaches and insight into the approach of others."

"Nimble and effective and a commitment to claimant work."

"Hausfeld’s commercial litigation practice has taken off in a big way over the last few years, led by the exceptionally impressive Lianne Craig. The firm attracts heavyweight commercial disputes and is frequently pitched against magic circle or American firms. They are uniquely skilled in taking a strategic approach to litigation and achieving brilliant results in seemingly tricky cases."

**Recommended lawyers**

**Anthony Maton:** leads by example.

**Lianne Craig** – Leading Individual: is a formidable lawyer and businessperson. She is brilliantly clever and is a real star of the commercial litigation sphere. Lianne is completely fearless and incredibly tough when it comes to fighting her client's position, but she is also very down to earth and an absolute delight to work with. She is a fantastic strategist and is able to maneuver tricky situations to achieve brilliant outcomes for her clients.

A brilliant combination of commercial approach and client skills.

Exceptionally impressive.

**John McElroy** – Next Generation Partner: a pleasure to work with. Excellent litigation strategy instincts. Willing to roll up his sleeves as part of the team.

**Lucy Pert:** pitches things just right with the client and knows when to delegate and when to get involved.

**Ned Beale:** a very good hire for Hausfeld; should develop well given his talent and the opportunities he will have there.

**Anna Gilbert:** careful and thoughtful lawyer but knows how and when to be 'punchy'.

**Simon Bishop:** is fantastically bright. He has an unparalleled eye for detail and really gets stuck into the substance of his cases, with a degree of enthusiasm and rigour that
goes well above and beyond the norm. Simon is also very business-minded and is brilliant at spotting legal trends and identifying emerging issues in litigation.

Duran Ross – Rising Star: is fantastic; he has the eye for detail and confidence to manage large litigation on his own.

International Arbitration – Tier 7

In January 2021, Hausfeld & Co LLP hired commercial arbitration specialist Ned Beale from Trowers & Hamilns LLP, where he was international arbitration head. Beale has notable energy and aviation sector specialisms, while commercial disputes head Lianne Craig has broad domestic and international disputes experience, and Anthony Maton also acts in arbitration proceedings.

About the team

"Hausfeld combines a really bold approach to litigation and arbitration – City-style drive and determination with a much more personal approach than its competitors."

"Focused impressively on unique sectors and types of dispute in a modern world, including class actions, banking and finance (notably cryptocurrencies) and aviation matters."

"A well balanced and hardworking team of skilful individuals, who obviously respect and like each other."

"They work efficiently and well together."

"A nimble and effective firm."

"Focused on dispute resolution, which means a more tailored approach for clients."

"Always allocate the necessary resources to get quick and advantageous solutions – they make things simple."

Recommended lawyers

Ned Beale: is a diligent, client-focused lawyer, with sharp legal skills.

Civil Liberties and Human Rights – Tier 3

Hausfeld & Co LLP has an ‘international reputation for representing claimants in civil liberties and human rights claims across the globe - and in particular in cases which relate to the environment’. The firm is known for bringing competition damages actions, as well as its flexible approach to engagement structures and litigation funding possibilities. Counsel Ingrid Gubbay and Wessen Jazrawi combine strength in competition, human rights and environmental law with broad litigation experience. They co-lead the team with Sarah Moore, who joined from Leigh Day in 2020 and brings expertise in bringing litigation against UK registered corporate defendants and the UK Government on behalf of groups of claimants in the UK and overseas.

About the team

"Hausfeld has an international reputation for representing claimants in civil liberties and human rights claims across the globe – and in particular in cases which relate to the environment."

"Hausfeld has a large team of litigators with a tremendous depth of experience and expertise in this field. They are committed to claimant civil liberties and human rights work. They are proactive, flexible and use technology to ensure that they are well connected to their clients and Counsel. They are also flexible in terms of fees which is important for claimants in such claims."

"Ingrid Gubbay has enormous experience as a litigator in the UK and leads a strong team which includes Wessen Jazrawi, David Lawne and Luke Grimes. Wessen, David and Luke are all very valuable
members of her team and I have been impressed by their empathy with our clients, their commitment to the cases we have brought and the fact that they have not only worked hard on those cases but also helped me work through the issues and legal arguments."

"We have valued Hausfeld’s collaboration with us on an environmental matter. They have brought insight, enthusiasm and expertise to the role, have been a delight to work with and have really understood what is important to us and worked extremely hard to deliver results which met our drivers."

**Recommended lawyers**

**Lianne Craig:** is exceptional – bright, insightful, hard-working and a delight to work with.

**Ingrid Gubbay** – Leading Individual: has enormous experience as a litigator in the UK and leads a strong team.

[Ingrid]'s knowledge of public law, civil liberties, human rights and environmental law coupled with her tactical awareness makes her a formidable litigator and one who you would always want on your side!

**Other key lawyers:** Wessen Jazrawi, Sarah Moore, David Lawne and Luke Grimes.

**Environment – Tier 4**

The claimant-focused practice at Hausfeld & Co LLP stands out for its involvement in high-profile international matters and its broad approach to environmental issues, ranging from judicial review proceedings and tort-based litigation to international climate treaty body submissions.

With a client base of NGOs and activist individuals, the team is particularly active in relation to climate change issues.

Of counsel **Ingrid Gubbay** is an experienced litigator and handles environmental advocacy work while the ‘knowledgeable’ **Wessen Jazrawi** assists clients in air quality, carbon budget and Airports National Policy Statement cases. **Sarah Moore** joined the practice from Leigh Day in October 2020, contributing experience in mass tort litigation.

**Recommended lawyers**

**Ingrid Gubbay:** experienced litigator.

**Wessen Jazrawi:** is knowledgeable and a good litigator.

**Sarah Moore:** has huge experience in bringing big group litigation environmental law cases.

[Sarah] is highly engaged and committed.

**Other key lawyers:** Lianne Craig and David Lawne.

**Product Liability: Claimant**

**Sarah Moore:** is ranked as a Next Generation Partner.