
**LEGAL 500 UK
2023 RANKINGS**



Competition Litigation – Tier 1

As a boutique litigation firm working on the claimant side, Hausfeld stands at the pinnacle of the market. Able to ‘operate seamlessly across jurisdictions’, the firm’s London competition disputes team is spearheaded by **Scott Campbell**, who has worked on some of the largest cartel damages claims in England and Wales. In addition to his work on damages claims and investigations, Campbell assists clients with managing their litigation costs and risk.

He is supported by a host of exceptional partners including **Nicola Boyle, Anna Morfey, Lesley Hannah** and **Anthony Maton**; **Lucy Rigby** is also noted by clients as ‘an outstanding junior partner’.

The team has recently acted in a varied range of complex competition litigation work, including the high-profile ‘App Stores claims’ and automotive cartels cases, and is handling a class action on behalf of millions of UK rail passengers.

About the team

‘Hausfeld are the absolute leader in this field. They have strength in depth throughout the firm, and have extensive

experience of the most important and highest value cases.’

‘They have the largest competition litigation team in the UK, with the ability to seamlessly operate across jurisdictions through their sister offices in the UK and EU. The competition litigation landscape in the UK has never been busier, and Hausfeld’s entrepreneurialism, bravery and ability to work collaboratively with key players in the field (counsel, experts, funders, other firms, and opponents) has been a key factor.’

Recommended lawyers

Leading individuals ‘**Anthony Maton** and **Scott Campbell** have been great in any collaboration, providing exceptional expertise and handling all matters professionally and quickly.’

Leading individual ‘**Nicola Boyle** is one of the most impressive solicitors I have ever worked with. She is commercially and legally astute, and is a fantastic team manager. The complete solicitor.’

‘**Anna Morfey** (leading individual), **Lesley Hannah** and **Nicola Boyle** are class acts. They consistently spearhead the most

significant competition disputes and are a dream to work with.'

Next generation partner '**Lucy Rigby** is an outstanding junior partner who is going places. She is extremely calm under pressure and always makes the right decisions.'

'Lucy Rigby is the First Lady of collective redress; percipient, poised and a powerhouse in any negotiation.'

Key lawyer '**Luke Streatfield** is another partner to watch – he is brilliant to work with and achieves fantastic results.'

Next generation partner '**Lesley Hannah** has already established herself as one of the top practitioners in this area and is excellent.'

Other key lawyers

Tom Bolster, Tim Brown, Lianne Craig, Aqeel Kadri, Wessen Jazrawi

Banking Litigation: Investment & Retail – Tier 3

Hausfeld's banking litigation team is described as a 'great and close-knit unit of ex-City partners with banking experience now deployed in a crack squad to assist the investor and borrower community'. It stands out for being conflict free and able to act against major financial institutions on behalf of claimants.

It has expertise on financial services disputes, acting on claims relating to electronic trading platforms and cryptoassets among other things.

The team counts on the expertise of 'outstanding lawyer' **John McElroy**, 'exceptionally bright' **Lucy Pert**, 'absolutely brilliant' **Simon Bishop** and the 'extraordinary' **Lianne Craig**, who recently became London managing partner. The

firm's commercial disputes practice (which includes banking litigation) now accounts for around 40-50% of the firm's work.

About the team

'They have been innovative in identifying new issues in banking litigation and are not afraid to take on difficult, interesting cases, often against the magic circle and big American firms. Hausfeld is able to hold its own against much bigger firms and often out-manoeuvres them.'

'The ethos of the firm is unique – there is a real sense of fairness, the partners are protective of their associates' wellbeing and there is a real sense that everyone likes one another and enjoys working there.'

'They have a truly collaborative approach and, as counsel, it really does feel as though you are all working as part of the same team.'

'The team consistently produce work of the highest quality within short time frames. They are always very professional and have a strong focus on clients' needs. They are great to work with and easy to contact.'

'Great and close-knit unit of ex-City partners with banking experience now deployed in a crack squad to assist the investor and borrower community'

Recommended lawyers

Leading individual: **Lianne Craig**

Next generation partner: **John McElroy**

Key lawyer '**Simon Bishop** – Absolutely brilliant. Simon has excellent technical knowledge and an exceptional eye for detail, whilst also being a very strong strategist. He is also a delight to work with.

Next generation partner, **Lucy Pert** – Exceptionally bright and excellent under pressure.'

Other key lawyers

Anthony Maton

Commercial Litigation: Premium – Tier 5

A leadership change at the beginning of 2022 has seen ‘brilliant strategist’ **Lianne Craig** step up to become Hausfeld’s first female managing partner, while her place as head of commercial disputes has been taken by respected litigator **John McElroy**.

As well as handling the gamut of commercial litigation cases globally, the firm is committed to innovative funding solutions and arrangements. Other noted practitioners include aviation and media-focused **Ned Beale**, recently promoted partner **Simon Bishop** and counsel **Duran Ross**.

About the team

‘They attract interesting, serious work, often in innovative and emerging areas of litigation, and have an impressive ability to deliver results for clients on even the most difficult of cases. The ethos of the firm is in my experience unique. The associates are really valued, wellbeing is taken seriously and there is a real sense that everyone enjoys working together.’

‘A very well trained and educated team; with excellent leadership from partners who are involved in cases while at the same time letting associates flourish and show their qualities rather than being told what to do.’

‘My overall rating is “brilliant”. Probably the best quality is the collaborative approach the whole team has with us.’

Recommended lawyers

Leading individual ‘**Lianne Craig** is probably the best lawyer I have worked with

– both a brilliant strategist and also a great technical lawyer. She is absolutely fierce when it is required and holds her own against any magic circle partner, but she is also fair and has a strong sense of justice. Lianne is also an excellent people manager and understands how to run a team on a big case.’

Next generation partner **John McElroy** is great on tactics.’

‘**Ned Beale** is an outstanding litigator. Most efficient and effective. He has excellent instincts, great judgement and knows which points to press home. One couldn’t be in better hands.’

Key lawyer ‘**Lucy Pert** is tenacious, smart and clear in her advice.’

Key lawyer ‘**Simon Bishop** is an exceptional lawyer. He has a masterly ability to be completely on top of the details whilst also making consistently brilliant tactical decisions and really understanding the overall direction of a case. Simon has first rate technical legal skills and commercial instinct and is a real asset on any case. He is also an absolute delight to work with.’

Key lawyer ‘**Anna Gilbert** is a superb litigator. She has excellent instincts seeing both the bigger picture and not missing important details.

Rising star: **Duran Ross**

Other key lawyers

Ned Beale

International Arbitration – Tier 7

During 2022, Hausfeld’s ‘amazingly responsive’ **John McElroy** was promoted to London commercial disputes head. Commercial arbitration specialist **Ned Beale** is a 2021 recruit from Trowers & Hamblins LLP, where he was international

arbitration head; and newly elevated London managing partner **Lianne Craig** and **Lucy Pert** both also have arbitration experience.

About the team

‘Strong on litigation strategy and methodical.’

‘Proactive and sensible in its approach, with advice delivered clearly and pragmatically.’

Recommended lawyers

Key lawyers ‘**Lucy Pert, Ned Beale** and **John McElroy** stand out as leaders in their field.’

‘John McElroy is an amazingly responsive and likeable professional – always available to help.’

‘Ned Beale is great. A real lawyer with a true sense of justice.’

‘Ned Beale is clearly both an expert and experienced. Great at planning the litigation workload and strategising.’

‘Ned Beale and Lucy Pert are well regarded in the international arbitration market.’

‘Ned Beale is a first-class operator. Smooth and steely, he sets the route to victory and then delivers.’

Other key lawyer

Lianne Craig

Civil Liberties and Human Rights – Tier 3

Hausfeld has a particularly stellar reputation for utilising its cross-border capabilities to develop ‘cutting-edge trans-national litigation strategies’ at the intersection of public and environmental law; the firm is currently instructed on behalf of Greta

Thunberg and 13 other youth climate activists from around the world.

The team of ‘innovative thinkers’ is headed up by **Ingrid Gubbay**, and also includes recommended senior practitioners **Wessen Jazrawi** – who shows ‘enormous commitment to her clients and the vindication of their rights’ – and **Sarah Moore** – whose ongoing highlights include representing 40 gymnasts in cases against British Gymnastics arising out of alleged physical and emotional abuse.

About the team

‘Hausfeld’s civil liberties and human rights practice is going from strength to strength, alongside their other areas of expertise. With an eye on cutting-edge trans-national litigation strategies, with the public interest in mind, the firm is bringing its significant expertise in the group litigation and claimant sphere to bear on important issues.’

‘Hausfeld is an international firm and is able to draw on a multitude of excellent lawyers and to run a wide variety of cases, safe in the knowledge that it has the expertise and experience to do so very competently. My experience of working with the civil liberties and human rights team members is that they are all highly proficient lawyers with a strong commitment to their clients and the preservation of their rights.’

‘They are simply without peer in their attention to detail and their bid to “get it right” for the client. Very team focussed and very driven.’

‘Attention to detail and collaborative working to ensure best outcomes is an absolute hallmark of their operation... and it works!’

‘The team at Hausfeld have supported us pro bono on two human rights strategic litigation cases. The team are excellent to work with; their knowledge and expertise is unmatched, and they are fantastic with

regards to understanding our needs and communicating any updates.’

‘The individuals within the team that we have worked with at Hausfeld are all extremely knowledgeable, helpful, and innovative thinkers.’

Recommended lawyers

Leading individual ‘**Ingrid Gubbay** is well recognised for having a wealth of expertise and experience in human rights work with a particular emphasis on environmental cases where the rights of individuals are at stake – whether that be in the domestic or international arena.’

Key lawyer ‘**Wessen Jazrawi** is a member of the team that stands out for praise and recognition. In an ongoing case, Wessen has once again shown to me her enormous commitment to her clients and the vindication of their rights. Throughout Wessen has ensured that my clients understand the process and that they are thereby able to play a part in forming the case and the arguments and the way in which the case is framed.’

Other key lawyers

David Lawne, Sarah Moore, Luke Grimes

Environment – Tier 3

Hausfeld’s environmental and product liability team is led by **Ingrid Gubbay**, who conducts strategic public and private law litigation, **Sarah Moore**, who litigates against both corporate defendants and the UK government, and **Simon Bishop**, who was recently promoted to partner.

The team predominantly represents clients in claims against prominent corporations and institutions. Some of the firm’s work includes helping Greta Thunberg and 13 other young climate activists from around the world with a petition to UN Secretary-

General Antonio Guterres asking that he and the leaders of all UN agencies declare that the climate crisis is an emergency.

Recommended lawyers

Key lawyers

Lianne Craig, David Lawne, Michael Hausfeld and Richard Lewis.

Product Liability: Claimant

Hausfeld offers a small but experienced health and safety team in the UK, led by **Sarah Moore**, which regularly works on high profile international matters.

Recommended lawyers

Next generation partner: Sarah Moore

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