Competition Law: Private Enforcement: Claimant – Band 1

What the team is known for

Hausfeld has represented claimants in a number of the most significant and high-profile damages actions before the CAT. The law firm is a popular choice for class representatives seeking a team to advise on damages claims arising from investigations carried out by the UK and EU authorities into possible abuses of dominance or cartels. Additionally it works alongside the firm's offices in Germany and the Netherlands to act on multi-jurisdictional claims. The department has notable experience in representing clients in cases in the transport, financial services and technology sectors.

Strengths

“The firm is absolutely to be praised for its strategic vision.”

“The whole team is fantastic, the lawyers are very commercial and switched on.”

“Hausfeld is the best for collective proceedings order cases.”

“The firm is still the market leader on the claimant side of things.”

“The firm is head and shoulders above everyone else.”

Ranked individuals

Eminent Practitioner Anthony Maton “has a tremendous reputation on the antitrust litigation field, having led many damages claims on the most complex matters” and “Anthony Maton is a doyen of private enforcement.”

Up and Coming Lucy Rigby “engages actively on the details of the matters and proactively identifies prospective claims that may be suitable to bring before the Competition Appeal Tribunal” and “She’s great with clients and never seems flustered.”

Nicola Boyle is “very collegiate so can work alongside junior partners and barristers” and “there isn't anything that she doesn't consider or that she leaves out” ; “strategically, she is all over the details.”

Scott Campbell “is the delivery guy, making sure you're actually winning your cases” and “he's a claimant-side lawyer through and through.”
Lesley Hannah “demonstrates great expertise in the digital sector, which is a growing area for antitrust scrutiny” and “She’s definitely carving out real expertise for competition claims against big tech companies.”

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

“It’s an exceptional team with very quick response times.”

“The team at Hausfeld are very knowledgeable in the area of misrepresentation and financial mis-selling.”

Ranked individuals

Eminent Practitioner Anthony Maton “is a good lawyer and negotiator.”

Up and Coming Simon Bishop “has highly specialised knowledge in mis-selling and derivatives” and “he is extremely good to work with, has fantastic client skills and is a formidable negotiator.”

Associate to watch Faye Moore

“Lucy Pert is very supportive and constructive with her clients and is commercially aware.”

John McElroy is a safe pair of hands and gives good, clear advice” and “John is an exceptional lawyer” ; “he has excellent commercial instincts and he is very client-focused.”

Lianne Craig is a great leader.”

Commercial and Corporate Litigation – 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

“They are very responsive and attentive to client needs.”

“They are a good, practical and effective team who remain pragmatic and goal-focused.”

“The Hausfeld team is very bright and specialises in complex matters.”

Group Litigation: Claimant – Band 1

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

“It's a great team that's very approachable. They understand all the difficulties their clients face. Their professionalism paired with compassion makes them stand out.”

“The whole team is incredibly professional, organised and efficient. The lawyers think of everything before you have to ask and ensure that the process runs smoothly.”

“Hausfeld is a major force in collective proceedings in the Competition Appeal Tribunal. It's a really great firm full of really great lawyers.”

“The team is thoughtful and thorough. All implications of a decision are considered.”

Ranked individuals

Luke Streatfeild “is inventive and strategic. He’s super impressive in his organisational skills too” and “is particularly impressive. He’s making some real moves in competition circles”; “is a great manager of litigation projects. He’s very even-tempered, bright and articulate. He's a good guy to work with.”

Lucy Rigby “has a good reputation in competition work“ and “is one to watch.”

Lesley Hannah “is very impressive and completely across the law in her area. She has fantastic experience in competition cases” and “is approachable and friendly with an ability to explain complex legal matters in a clear and simple way”; “is incredibly knowledgeable and insightful. She is a strategic thinker with excellent understanding of the big picture, the details of the case and how they fit together.”

Nicola Boyle “is very personable and knowledgeable, making it easy to get on with her and discuss ideas” and “absolutely knows her stuff.”

Environment: Claimant – Band 2

What the team is known for

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

“The law firm has a big team with a lot of experience.”

“The lawyers have really good document management skills and they're good when it comes to the logistics of a case.”

Ranked individuals

Up and Coming David Lawne “a real rising star with a magnificent grasp of the detail of a case and a remarkable ability to understand the most complex expert evidence.”

Product Liability: Mainly Claimant

Ranked individuals

Associate to watch Stuart Warmington “is reliable and provides clear communications and advice” and “is very efficient and effective in his support.”

Sarah Moore “is highly empathetic and very thorough - she leaves no stone unturned”. Sarah “takes intensely complicated legal matters in her stride and has a very practical approach” and “is a well-respected expert and experienced solicitor.”