



Legal 500 UK Rankings 2019

Practice areas

For 2019, Hausfeld continues to be ranked in almost all its practice areas in the UK, as highlighted below:

Competition litigation – ranked in tier 1

For some, Hausfeld is the 'best' claimant firm in the market, leading in claim funding and specialising in European damages claims. In addition to a London office comprising experienced competition litigators, the firm has built a strong network across the EU, which it is able to leverage in multi-jurisdictional claims. The practice is led by the 'commercially aware' **Anthony Maton**, who is acting alongside the 'deeply experienced' **Scott Campbell** for Veolia, Suez and Wolsley before the English High Court and the Dutch Transport Association in the Netherlands in a major claim arising out of a cartel involving medium- and heavy-duty truck manufacturers. **Laurent Geelhand** and the 'first-class' **Anna Morfey** represented Groupe PSA and BMW in an automotive bearings cartel claim against various European and Japanese bearing manufacturers. **Nicola Boyle** has 'an excellent legal mind' and currently acts for a group of UK and European corporate clients in relation to claims against MasterCard and Visa pertaining to interchange fees. 'Great lawyer' **Lesley Hannah** is another key contact.

Banking litigation: investment and retail – ranked: tier 6

Hausfeld is 'experienced and capable and creates a strong team with counsel and experts'. It has developed from being a specialist competition litigation firm, to a broader boutique commercial litigation practice that regularly litigates high-profile financial services disputes on behalf of claimants. The team recently advised on complex loan financing, derivatives

transactions and wider banking misconduct, as well as claims arising out of LIBOR, FOREX and other benchmark manipulations in the financial markets. It acted for Stuart Wall, who alleged that RBS caused the failure of his student accommodation business, Opal Property Group; the allegations included RBS' involvement in LIBOR rigging and the actions of its global restructuring group. **Anthony Maton** is managing partner of the London office; **Lianne Craig** is 'superb and able to project manage and implement strategy on the largest of claims'; **John McElroy** 'has demonstrated himself to be a key individual, who is able to effectively work with others in the team and is adroit at balancing detail with an overview of objectives'; and senior associate **David Lawne** 'shows notable skills and experience in the area of banking litigation and he is switched on and easy to deal with'.

Commercial litigation - ranked: tier 7

Hausfeld's 'commercial litigation team is growing in size and reputation'. In addition to its specialist competition litigation work, the practice acts in high-profile commercial and financial services disputes on behalf of claimants. The team advised Go Science's liquidators in claims against Shell Technology Ventures Fund 1 and three Royal Dutch Shell subsidiaries; the allegations included breach of equitable duty of confidence, among others. **Anthony Maton** is London office managing partner; **John McElroy** is 'fantastic with clients'; and **Lianne Craig** is 'experienced in assembling claimant groups'.

Individual recommendations

Anthony Maton

- 'commercially aware' (*Competition litigation*)

Nicola Boyle

- 'an excellent legal mind' (*Competition litigation*)

Lianne Craig

- 'superb and able to project manage and implement strategy on the largest of claims' (*Banking litigation*)
- 'experienced in assembling claimant groups' (*Commercial litigation*)

Scott Campbell

- 'deeply experienced' (*Competition litigation*)

John McElroy

- 'has demonstrated himself to be a key individual, who is able to effectively work with others in the team and is adroit at balancing detail with an overview of objectives' (*Banking litigation*)
- 'fantastic with clients' (*Commercial litigation*)

Michael Bywell (*ranked under his previous firm*)

- Other key names to note include Michael Bywell for contentious matters (*IT and Telecoms*)
- 'has significant technology sector expertise and is a key name to note for contentious matters' (*Intellectual property*)

Anna Morfey

- 'first-class' (*Competition litigation*)

Lesley Hannah

- 'great lawyer' (*Competition litigation*)

David Lawne

- 'shows notable skills and experience in the area of banking litigation and he is switched on and easy to deal with' (*Banking litigation*)