



Legal 500 UK Rankings 2020

Practice areas

For 2020, Hausfeld continues to be ranked in almost all its practice areas in the UK, as highlighted below:

Competition Litigation – ranked in tier 1

Known for its 'pioneering work' in the claimant space, Hausfeld's 'amazing' team has a successful track record negotiating settlements for its clients. With a stable foothold across Europe as well as the US, the firm has attracted praise due to its wide market reach in the sphere of private competition law enforcement. The team has continued to build on its strong market position, with multiple new instructions from clients in the transport, automotive and retail sectors. In one transport-focused highlight, a team being led by **Anna Morfey** is handling a collective opt-out claim for £93m against rail companies at the Competition Appeal Tribunal. **Anthony Maton** and **Lesley Hannah** led on representing claimants in long-running air cargo cartel proceedings in the High Court and the Court of Appeal, with Maton also demonstrating his 'excellent leadership skills' advising on the MasterCard interchange fees litigation. **Scott Campbell** heads the department, which continues to represent a group of truck purchasers in the Competition Appeal Tribunal. The team has experienced recent growth through the appointment of partner **Lucy Pert** and counsel **Luke Streatfeild**, who joined from Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan, LLP and Allen & Overy LLP, respectively. Clients in the automotive sector turn to **Laurent Geelhand** for expert-level assistance. **Wessen Jazrawi** and **Nicola Boyle** are also highly recommended. **Anthony Maton** has been listed as a Leading Individual, with **Anna Morfey** listed as a Next Generation Partner.

Banking Litigation: Investment and Retail – ranked: tier 5

Hausfeld is 'one of the very best firms for taking on the banking giants', and it also covers defence work. The practice recently advised on disputes involving financing, derivatives, and banking misconduct. It has also acted in high-profile cases for corporate claimant groups in relation to securities and claims arising

out of LIBOR and FX. **Lianne Craig** leads the commercial disputes and banking litigation team, of which London office managing partner **Anthony Maton**, **John McElroy** and senior associate **Simon Bishop** are key members. **David Lawne** was made partner and **Lucy Pert** was hired from Harbour Litigation Funding. **Lianne Craig** has been listed as Leading Individual in this area and **John McElroy** as a Next Generation Partner.

Commercial Litigation – ranked: tier 5

Hausfeld has been investing in its London practice adding two lateral hires, with **Lucy Pert** and **Michael Bywell** joining from Harbour Litigation Funding and Arnold & Porter, respectively. The team, which is 'very user-friendly and accustomed to risk in a way many firms are not', stands out for high-profile disputes on behalf of claimants, and is experienced in disputes involving competition law, arbitration, fraud and insolvency. It has also experienced growth in TMT litigation. **Lianne Craig** leads the commercial disputes team and **Anthony Maton** is London managing partner; **John McElroy** is also highly regarded. **Lianne Craig** has been listed as a Leading Individual in this area.

Individual recommendations

Anthony Maton

- 'excellent leadership skills' (*Competition Litigation*)
- 'a great tactician with excellent client skills' (*Commercial Litigation*)

Laurent Geelhand

- 'expert-level experience' (*Competition Litigation*)

Lianne Craig

- 'very good, clever, commercial and user-friendly' (*Commercial Litigation*)
- 'Clients love Lianne Craig's brilliant and often-inspiring style. She fights hard for her clients, but she does so with diplomacy and judgement, such that she manages the rare feat in litigation of engendering excellent relationships with those on the other side of the table – this undoubtedly means she gets a better result for her client.' (*Banking Litigation*)

Lucy Pert

- 'has quite superb experience and judgement.' (*Banking Litigation*)