



Chambers UK Rankings 2021

Competition Law: Private Enforcement: Claimant Department – Band 1

What the team is known for

Leading player in competition damages claims that are founded on EC decisions on price-fixing cartels or abuse of dominance. Handles cases that combine follow-on claims with additional standalone elements relating to the duration and scope of suspected cartel activities. Often brings together large claimant groups in order to pursue claims in the UK or other key jurisdictions, working alongside the firm's offices in Germany and the Netherlands. Has notable experience in representing clients from the transport, energy and technology sectors.

Strengths

Interviewees say: "In terms of claimant law firms Hausfeld is undoubtedly out in front."

Work highlights

Acted for Justin Gutmann on behalf of rail passengers on a standalone opt-out damages claim against rail franchise operators alleging abuse of dominance in ticket pricing.

Ranked lawyers

Anthony Maton: According to an interviewee, Anthony Maton is "the leading competition claimant lawyer in London with unrivalled experience in bringing cases." He has an impressive track record representing clients in opt-out collective damages proceedings involving the transport and financial services industries.

Scott Campbell: Scott Campbell acts for claimants on damages actions arising from EC cartel decisions. He often acts for clients from the energy and retail industries.

Nicola Boyle: Nicola Boyle advises clients on claims for damages arising from price fixing and abuse of dominance matters. She is particularly active for multinational clients on domestic and international proceedings.

Anna Morfey: Commentators describe Anna Morfey as a "brilliant litigator who is very experienced" and add that, because of her previous experience as a defendant lawyer, she has "a keen appreciation for the tactics defendants will take." She acts on claims in the transport, energy and technology sectors, assisting with opt-out collective claims and class actions.

Banking Litigation – Mainly Claimant- Band 3

What the team is known for

Specialises in acting for corporate claimants in high-profile banking disputes against major financial institutions. Offers a dedicated team of litigators experienced in taking on complex commercial disputes that are often multi-jurisdictional in scope. Strong track record in acting for large claimant groups on cases relating to fraudulent misrepresentation and financial mis-selling. Also has experience handling matters concerning the manipulation of financial benchmarks.

Strengths

"The team is driven to deliver the right result," says a source. "The lawyers are engaging and personable, flexible and open, and their communications are top notch."

"The team are highly strategic, willing to take on risks and are creative in their approach to claims," comments another client.

Another source says of the firm's lawyers: "They work hard and care about their clients."

Work highlights

Acted for two private individuals in a case concerning alleged swap mis-selling by NatWest in 2008 and the claimants' subsequent failure to repay various loans and overdraft arrangements with the bank on time. Following a positive adjudication for the claimants from the Financial Ombudsman Service, the case will now test the extent of a bank's duties in practice with regard to selling hedging products to individuals rather than companies.

Ranked Lawyers

Lianne Craig: is head of the firm's commercial disputes group and maintains a strong reputation for her litigation practice. She is highly accomplished at leading large-scale litigation against banks with regard to mis-selling, benchmark manipulation and other forms of financial misconduct.

"She demonstrates really good judgement and strategic thinking and has amazing instincts." "Lianne is very user-friendly, super creative and very engaged in the day-to-day on a case." "She is a good tactician and negotiator."

Anthony Maton: is managing partner of the firm and an experienced financial litigator. He has notable expertise acting in high-profile cases against prominent financial institutions, particularly matters involving intersection between banking and competition law.

"Anthony leads the team with calm assurance and a common-sense approach to problems." "He is excellent and a very able lawyer." "A superb practitioner."

John McElroy: John McElroy impresses with his broad-based expertise in banking litigation. He represents clients in a variety of claims brought against both retail and commercial banks concerning alleged misconduct.

"He is excellent and incredibly bright." "John understands the issues very quickly and is a pleasure to work with."

Simon Bishop: Senior associate Simon Bishop has a burgeoning litigation practice, with notable experience assisting with claims related to the mis-selling of financial products and benchmark manipulation.

"He's very smart and has an exceptional eye for detail - he is completely on top of every aspect of a case." "He is both client- and business-orientated, has excellent communication skills and offers clear strategic vision." "A very able litigator."

Litigation – Band 6

What the team is known for

Compact yet highly capable London team enhanced by the firm's presence in both the USA and Europe. Notable financial disputes practice with particular strength in competition and banking litigation, including mis-selling of financial products and other matters of financial misconduct. Offers robust representation on claims brought against major UK and international clearing banks.

Strengths

"All the way through to trial they were incredibly responsive and very creative," reports a source, who also states that the lawyers are "a pleasure to work with."

Notable practitioners

London managing partner Anthony Maton and head of commercial disputes Lianne Craig number among the firm's roster of well-respected financial litigators.

Product Liability: Mainly Claimant – UK-wide

Ranked Lawyers

Sarah Moore: Sarah Moore shows particular strength advising at the intersection between the legal and scientific, and is therefore well equipped to handle claims relating to defective medical products. "She is very good with experts and has very good technical and clinical knowledge." "She can really grapple with difficult science-based questions. She's a stand out person on that front."