

Chambers and Partners 2023 Results – Family law team

Team rankings

Midlands Circuit: Matrimonial Finance - Ranked Band 1

Family: Children - Ranked Band 1

Western Circuit: Family/Matrimonial - Ranked Band 2

Individual rankings

Barrister	Specialism	Bar	2023 ranking
Elizabeth McGrath KC	Family: Matrimonial Finance	Midlands	Band 1
Elizabeth McGrath KC	Family: Children	Midlands	Band 2
Lucy Hendry KC	Family: Children	Western	Band 1
Vanessa Meachin KC	Family: Matrimonial Finance	Midlands	Band 1
Vanessa Meachin KC	Family: Children	Midlands	Band 2
Aimee Fox	Family: Matrimonial Finance	Midlands	Band 3
Amy Lush	Family: Children	Western	Up and coming
Dorian Day	Family: Children	Midlands	Band 2
Emma Harman	Family: Children	Western	Band 2
Hamish Dunlop	Family: Matrimonial Finance	London	Band 4
Hamish Dunlop	Family: Matrimonial Finance	Western	Band 2
Lawrence Messling	Family: Children	Midlands	Band 1
Mark Elliott	Family: Matrimonial Finance	Western	Band 3
Michael George	Family: Matrimonial Finance	Midlands	Band 3
Nicola Martin	Family: Matrimonial Finance	Midlands	Band 3
Nicola Martin	Family: Children	Midlands	Band 3
Sarah O'Hara	Family: Children	Western	Band 3
Stephen Abberley	Family: Children	Midlands	Band 2
Steven Howard	Family: Children	Western	Band 3

Family/Matrimonial – Midlands Bar - Band 1

Client service:

“The ability of 3PB to manage matters in a professional and comprehensive manner is second to none.”

“The clerks come back to you very quickly; particularly I would mention Ian Charlton, practice director, who provides an excellent service.”

"The clerks are always available and will go the extra mile to assist." "They are very responsive, personable and effective."

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Elizabeth McGrath KC

"Excellent advocacy and bedside manner with clients. A force to be reckoned with."

Vanessa Meachin KC

"Her advice and advocacy are of the highest quality. She is always easy to contact and discuss a matter with. Vanessa is also approachable and well-liked by clients."

"Vanessa is an exceptional advocate. She recognises when a case could, and should be settled but is equally prepared for a battle if necessary."

Aimee Fox

"Aimee is a very safe pair of hands."

"Aimee is well prepared, client-focused, and fights hard for the client."

"Aimee is a fierce advocate with attention to detail and a dedication to her clients. She is a pleasure to work with."

Dorian Day

"He brings something unique in terms of commitment and expertise."

"Dorian is a really robust advocate and commanding presence in the courtroom."

"Dorian is a skilled advocate and often achieves fantastic outcomes in non-accidental injury matters."

Lawrence Messling

"A calm and very able barrister. He is a safe pair of hands on even the most complex of cases."

Michael George

"Michael is a brilliant advocate who fights hard for his clients."

"He is a very technical lawyer, who is knowledgeable and popular with clients."

Nicola Martin

"Nicola provides an excellent service and she has an extensive knowledge of the law."

Stephen Abberley

"Excellent advocate. Stephen has an innate ability to get to grips with a case eloquently and that helps to steer the case in the right direction from the outset."

"A class act. He is extremely thorough in preparation and has a clear grasp of the key issues in every case. He is a confident and firm advocate."

Family/Matrimonial - Western Bar – Band 2

Client service:

“The service by the clerks is always fast and efficient.”

“They are always willing to respond to requests and address any issues that may arise.”

“The clerks always give the impression we mean a lot to them.”

Lucy Hendry KC

“Lucy's tenacious and incisive yet realistic approach is very impressive.”

“She is an exceptional advocate with a real grasp of complex issues.”

“Lucy is thorough and very good with clients.”

Amy Lush

“She is a tenacious advocate who is fair and pragmatic in her approach.”

“She has shown a level of compassion and understanding with clients, competently and confidently advising them and managing expectations.”

“Amy is an effective advocate with a reassuring manner.”

Emma Harman

“Emma is an excellent and thorough advocate.”

“Emma's level of knowledge regarding my case was so strong.”

“She is highly respected among the judiciary on children work.”

Hamish Dunlop

“Hamish is an exceptional and eloquent advocate. His client manner is superb, and his ability to communicate with the client is very well measured.”

“He is incredibly knowledgeable and thorough.”

“Hamish is an exceptional barrister, especially on technical matters involving complex assets.”

Mark Elliott

“Mark is an excellent advocate for matrimonial finance and private children matters. He delivers clear, pragmatic advice and a well-reasoned strategy in cases.”

“Mark is such a safe pair of hands both in terms of advocacy and paperwork.”

“He is a great all-rounder for both finance and child cases.”

Sarah O'Hara

“Sarah is experienced, user-friendly and brings judges on to her side.”

Steven Howard

“He is a very clear, concise and accurate advocate with an excellent client manner.”

“He is a tenacious advocate who is exceptional on his feet, with an ability to deal with very complex and sensitive cases.”

“Steven is a specialist in children matters.”

Family/Matrimonial Finance – London Bar

Hamish Dunlop – Band 4 – Family: Matrimonial Finance

“He's got huge experience and a very sensible manner; clients feel very comfortable with him. A personable, measured, diligent and impressive barrister.”

“Hamish Dunlop is always courteous, insightful and never rushed. A joy to work with as an instructing solicitor, he is popular with judges and well respected by other advocates.”