

Chambers and Partners 2024 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	2024 ranking
Aimee Fox	Family/Matrimonial	Midlands	Band 2
Amy Beddis	Family/Children	Western	Band 3 - New
Amy Lush	Family/Children	Western	Band 3
Dorian Day	Family/Children	Midlands	Band 2
Elizabeth McGrath KC	Family/Children	Midlands	Band 1
Emma Griffiths	Family/Children	South Eastern	Band 3 - New
Emma Harman	Family/Children	Western	Band 2
Hamish Dunlop	Family/Matrimonial Finance	Western	Band 2
Hamish Dunlop	Family/Matrimonial Finance	London	Band 4
Lawrence Messling	Family/Children	Midlands	Band 1
Lucy Hendry KC	Family/Children	Western	Band 1
Mark Elliott	Family/Matrimonial Finance	Western	Band 3
Michael George	Family/Matrimonial Finance	Midlands	Band 3
Nicola Frost	Family/Matrimonial finance	Western	Band 3 - New
Nicola Martin	Family/Matrimonial Finance	Midlands	Band 3
Nicola Martin	Family/Children	Midlands	Band 3
Oliver Thorne	Family/Matrimonial Finance	Western	Band 3 - New
Paul Froud	Family/Children	Midlands	Band 3
Sarah O'Hara	Family/Children	Western	Band 3
Stephen Abberley	Family/Children	Midlands	Band 1
Steven Howard	Family/Children	Western	Band 2
Vanessa Meachin KC	Family/Children	Midlands	Band 1

Family/Children – Midlands Bar - Band 1

Family/Matrimonial Finance – Midlands Bar – Band 1

Client service:

“Ian Charlton and Dan Tidman, practice manager, are great clerks, they go above and beyond.”

“Their Clerks are always able to help and communicate professionally and courteously. They are highly reliable.”

“The standard of service for 3PB is excellent and the clerks are more than helpful to accommodate and to provide a good and quick service.”

“The whole 3PB clerking team have an excellent reputation. The ability of 3PB to manage matters in a professional and comprehensive manner is second to none.”

“Ian Charlton, practice director, Isabelle Lee, practice assistant, Patrick Robson, centre manager and Patrick Steptoe, practice manager are all very reliable and have a great personal touch.”

Elizabeth McGrath KC

“Elizabeth makes her mark in care proceedings.”

“Ms McGrath is a tenacious and confident advocate.”

“She has an understanding and sensitive bedside manner with extensive knowledge.”

“Elizabeth is an absolutely outstanding KC.”

Vanessa Meachin KC

“Vanessa is brilliant, she is one of the best advocates I have ever come across.”

“Vanessa presents her clients' cases in a balanced but strong way. She has a fine attention to detail and is a persuasive advocate.”

“Vanessa is an outstanding advocate with a very confident and calm approach to extremely challenging cases. She is an inspiring professional to observe and work alongside.”

Aimee Fox

“She is approachable and client focussed.”

“Aimee is always meticulously prepared and knows cases inside out. She is approachable and client-focused.”

“She is robust in her advocacy, forensic in her preparation and empathetic with clients.”

“Aimee applies a forensic approach to every case. She is a pleasure to work with and is compassionate towards her clients. She is a robust negotiator in court and a tough challenge for her opponents.”

Dorian Day

“He is a very strong advocate and his cross-examination is second to none.”

“Dorian quickly grasps complex issues and is an extremely tenacious advocate. Dorian regularly thinks outside the box and provides an exceptional level of service.”

“Dorian has a wealth of experience and his advocacy skills are to be admired.”

Lawrence Messling

“Lawrence is a well-respected operator.”

Michael George

“Michael is so very knowledgeable. He is extremely thorough, but approachable.”

“Michael is a really good advocate, his attention to detail is off the scale. He is careful and methodical.”

“Michael is knowledgeable, industrious and conscientious. His cross-examination and advocacy ability are superb.”

Nicola Martin

“Nicola Martin is always very helpful and professional. She gives very solid and sound advice and always argues the case well.”

“Nicola Martin is graceful in her advice to clients. Her advocacy style is calming and understanding, with precise efficiency.”

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Paul Froud

“Paul has an excellent eye for detail.”

“Paul is compassionate, pragmatic, measured and thoughtful.”

Stephen Abberley

“He is an exceptional and thorough advocate.”

“He is committed, reliable and has extensive knowledge.”

“Stephen is an outstanding advocate with brilliant bedside manner.”

“Stephen is talented, innovative and perceptive during the course of any case.”

Family/Matrimonial - Western Bar – Band 2

Client service:

“The clerks have often gone out of their way to show flexibility and a proactive service.”

“The clerking is excellent. Sarah Jenking, practice manager, is always very efficient and helpful.”

“The clerking team at 3PB is very strong; Mark Heath, director, Patrick Robson, centre manager, Tom Cox, centre manager, Jess Street, practice manager, and Matthew Scanlan, practice manager, all stand out for the high standard of service.”

“The clerks are very helpful. They always try their best to assist and are excellent at communicating.”

“Robert Leonard, practice director, and the team are great. They are always on hand and great in a crisis. They are friendly and welcoming and are always willing to go the extra mile.”

Lucy Hendry KC

“Lucy is a great all-rounder with huge depth of medical knowledge.”

“Lucy is really hugely well prepared and really just a charming advocate. She's an effective cross-examiner.”

“Lucy is a fierce advocate and equipped with a deep knowledge of family law. She instils confidence in her clients and focused leadership for those instructing.”

Amy Beddis - NEW

“Amy has brilliant attention to detail and she has exceptional client care.”

“Amy is really personable with clients, well prepared and pragmatic.”

“She is tenacious and really determined.”

“Amy is brilliant with vulnerable clients.”

Amy Lush

“She is very confident and you want her in your corner if you have tough elements in a case.”

“Amy is fantastic.”

Emma Harman

“Emma is excellent and really hard-working.”

“Emma's advocacy is a work of art, she is a pleasure to watch in action.”

Hamish Dunlop

“Hamish is very experienced and his client care skills are no doubt second to none.”

“He's a smooth advocate.”

“He has a nice forensic mind, is excellent and persistent about the right points.”

“Hamish Dunlop is very well prepared, with an eye for detail.”

Mark Elliott

“Mark is a very sound advocate with excellent client care skills.”

“Mark is very robust and has passion for his clients. He really fights his client's corner.”

“Mark is extremely knowledgeable, has a very pragmatic approach and is extremely good in his client care skills.”

Nicola Frost - NEW

“Nicola is a persuasive advocate. She is always on top of her cases and she is well researched.”

“Nicola is thorough and robust. She always goes the extra mile to prepare a strong case.”

“Nicola is extremely approachable, fantastic with clients and a highly persuasive advocate.”

Oliver Thorne - NEW

“Oliver is really thoughtful and an extremely able advocate with excellent cross-examination skills.”

“Oliver's knowledge of complex corporate family issues is excellent.”

“Oliver has a very solid grasp of the relevant legal principles and excels at managing client expectations. He will often go the extra mile for instructing solicitors and clients.”

Sarah O'Hara

“A hugely experienced advocate, with great skill in patiently explaining matters to both professional and lay clients.”

Steven Howard

“Steven's attention to detail is second to none.”

“He is strong, analytical, a good performer and can think on his feet.”

“Steven is very on the ball.”

Family/Matrimonial Finance – London Bar

Hamish Dunlop

“He's very well prepared and has an eye for detail and a nice client manner. He is a very good advocate with a nice forensic mind.”

Family/Children – South Eastern Bar

Emma Griffiths – Band 3 – Family: Children South Eastern Bar - **NEW**

“She was remarkably efficient in the work she was doing, clearly very much on top of the papers in the case.”

“She is great on her feet and lovely with clients.”

“Emma is an absolutely brilliant advocate.”

“Emma is exceptionally kind and supportive to young and vulnerable clients, well prepared and always available to provide advice.”