

Education law team

2026 Chambers and Partners rankings

Team rankings

Education – London Bar – Band 3

Client service:

"The clerks are always helpful and able to advise on suitable counsel when requesting recommendations."

"The clerks at 3PB are excellent. Gemma Faulkner, in particular, is very conscientious and efficient. The organisation, care and attention from their clerks is second to none."

"The clerks at 3PB are exceptional. They are incredibly responsive, professional and extremely helpful."

Individual rankings and commentary

Barristers ranked in Chambers & Partners	Area of law	Circuit	2026
Alice de Coverley	Education	London	Yes
Charlotte Hadfield	Education	London	Yes
Emma Waldron	Education	London	Yes
Jennifer Agyekum	Education	London	Yes
John Friel	Education	London	Yes
Katherine Anderson	Education	London	Yes

Alice De Coverley – Band 3 – Education - London Bar

"Alice is an exceptional barrister who is astute, thorough, creative and provides excellent legal advice. She is a highly skilled oral advocate."

"Alice has a particular authority when it comes to intricate details regarding Ofsted and questioning schools. In SEND appeals, she can break down complex principles and explain to them to clients."

"We work with Alice on special educational needs matters. She is extremely well-versed in that area, and meticulously well prepared."

Charlotte Hadfield – Band 2 – Education - London Bar

"She is a force and a name in education law. Charlotte has an excellent eye for detail with a pragmatic approach which makes her submissions incredibly difficult to disagree with."

"Charlotte is an exceptional barrister. She covers all bases, provides unique and invaluable client care, and is the go-to advocate for complex legal matters."

"The warmth she puts across is very reassuring. She is ferocious in court, as she needs to be."

"Charlotte is a top-level combination of experience, knowledge and client care. She is extremely generous with her time. She is a brilliant leader as well."

Emma Waldron – Band 4 – Education - London Bar

"A very experienced, knowledgeable counsel, Emma is friendly and approachable. She helped on an extremely difficult case."

"Emma is a highly skilled barrister, with exceptional and empathetic client care. She is a fantastic oral advocate."

"Emma Waldron is a bright and capable educational lawyer who is very well suited to SEN work."

Jennifer Agyekum – Band 4 – Education – London Bar

"Jennifer takes a calm-headed and technical approach to difficult cases."

"Jennifer dealt with a tricky matter with tact and diplomacy."

John Friel – Band 4 – Education - London Bar

"John Friel is a longstanding and hardworking barrister with an enormous amount of expertise. He has an in-depth understanding of education law across the board and how it's evolved over time."

"John has excellent knowledge of not only the law but also the individual medical disciplines in the area, so he frequently puts experts through their paces. He is extremely forensic in this respect."

Katherine Anderson – Band 4 – Education – London

"Katherine Anderson is amazing, particularly in extended appeals."

"Katherine is a great barrister."

"Katherine is very helpful and very clear in her advice. She helps us achieve great results."