

Chambers and Partners 2026 results - 3PB Family law team

Group rankings

- Chambers and Partners ranks our team **Band 1** for Family children and Family matrimonial finance in the Midlands
- Chambers and Partners ranks our team **Band 2** for Family/matrimonial in Western.

Individual rankings by circuit

Barristers ranked	Area of law	Circuit	2026
Gemma Farrington KC	Family/Children	London	NEW
Hamish Dunlop	Family/Matrimonial Finance	London	Yes
Aimee Fox	Family/Children	Midlands	Yes
Andrew Duncan	Family/Children	Midlands	NEW
Dorian Day	Family/Children	Midlands	Yes
Elizabeth McGrath KC	Family/Children	Midlands	Yes
Frida Dahlqvist	Family/Children	Midlands	Yes
Nathalie Bull	Family/Children	Midlands	Yes
Nicola Martin	Family/Children	Midlands	Yes
Paul Froud	Family/Children	Midlands	Yes
Stephen Abberley	Family/Children	Midlands	Yes
Vanessa Meachin KC	Family/Children	Midlands	Yes
Aimee Fox	Family/Matrimonial Finance	Midlands	Yes
Michael George	Family/Matrimonial Finance	Midlands	Yes
Nicola Martin	Family/Matrimonial Finance	Midlands	Yes
June Venters KC	Family/Children	North Eastern	Yes
Emma Griffiths	Family/Children	South Eastern	Yes
Gemma Farrington KC	Family/Children	South Eastern	Yes
Laura Buchan	Family/Matrimonial Finance	South Eastern	NEW

Barristers ranked	Area of law	Circuit	2026
Amy Beddis	Family/Children	Western	Yes
Amy Lush	Family/Children	Western	Yes
Emma Harman	Family/Children	Western	Yes
Lucy Hendry KC	Family/Children	Western	Yes
Sarah Jennings	Family/Children	Western	NEW
Sarah O'Hara	Family/Children	Western	Yes
Steven Howard	Family/Children	Western	Yes
Amy Beddis	Family/Matrimonial Finance	Western	Yes
Esther Lieu	Family/Matrimonial Finance	Western	NEW
Hamish Dunlop	Family/Matrimonial Finance	Western	Yes
Imogen Robins	Family/Matrimonial Finance	Western	Yes
Mark Elliott	Family/Matrimonial Finance	Western	Yes
Nicola Frost	Family/Matrimonial finance	Western	Yes
Oliver Thorne	Family/Matrimonial Finance	Western	Yes

Individual Commentary

Elizabeth McGrath KC – Band 1 – Family: Children - Midlands Bar

"Elizabeth McGrath's client care is professional with a human touch. Her advocacy and written arguments are highly skilled, and her ability to grasp a case and identify all issues at hand is excellent."

June Venters KC – Band 2 – Family: Children – North Eastern Bar

"June's massive strength is that she is so passionate about her clients."

She is a pleasure to work with and her knowledge is always shared, particularly amongst the juniors whom she leads."

Vanessa Meachin KC – Band 1 – Family: Children - Midlands Bar

"Vanessa has a reputation as a fierce and determined advocate. Her perseverance, professionalism and dedication are noteworthy."

"Vanessa Meachin combines fierce advocacy on behalf of her clients with a compassionate approach."

Lucy Hendry KC – Band 1 – Family: Children - Western Bar

"Lucy is an incredibly tenacious and experienced advocate. Her drafting skills and advocacy are extremely impressive."

"Lucy has the ability to deal with the most distraught and complex clients with utmost delicacy and sophistication."

Gemma Farrington KC – Band 3 – Family: Children - London Bar - NEW

"Every single time I work with her I learn something. She's really bright and quick and will have thought of all the issues before they've entered my head."

"Gemma is extremely diligent and produces excellent work,. often at very little notice."

Gemma Farrington KC – Band 2 – Family: Children – South Eastern Bar

"Gemma is an incredible barrister who everybody can learn from."

"Gemma is a very good and formidable advocate. She knows it all and is highly methodical."

"Gemma's advocacy is a masterclass in precision and persuasion, seamlessly blending tactical brilliance with unwavering diligence."

"Gemma is really good at helping the client feel at ease and preparing them for trial."

Nicola Martin – Band 3 – Family: Matrimonial Finance - Midlands Bar

Nicola Martin – Band 3 – Family: Children - Midlands Bar

"Nicola is thorough in her advocacy and kind and supportive with clients."

"Nicola is extremely helpful and approachable. Her knowledge and expertise was invaluable and her advice was practical and realistic."

Sarah O'Hara is ranked in Chambers UK 2026 – Band 3 – Family: Children - Western Bar

Dorian Day – Band 1 – Family: Children - Midlands Bar

"There is nothing Dorian doesn't know and his cross-examination is fantastic. He grasps complex cases with ease."

"Dorian provides a first-class service."

"Dorian Day is a very capable advocate."

Michael George – Band 2 - Family/Matrimonial Finance - Midlands Bar

"He is a very strong advocate, knowledgeable and an excellent pair of hands."

"He is hugely popular with both solicitors and their clients, matching technical expertise with an outstanding level of advocacy. Michael inspires confidence and repeatedly achieves strong results."

"Michael George has the most incredible level of intellect. His recall of every case and section of each piece of legislation is phenomenal."

"Michael George's manner is confident and his communication is very good."

Hamish Dunlop – Band 4 – Family: Matrimonial Finance – London Bar

"His understanding of complex financial issues, combined with his meticulous attention to detail, ensures that his clients receive comprehensive and strategic advice tailored to their unique needs."

"Hamish's advocacy and attention to detail are excellent."

Hamish Dunlop – Band 2 – Family: Matrimonial Finance – Western Bar

"Hamish is extremely reassuring and direct in his approach to case analysis, he is always flawless in his preparation."

Imogen Robins – Band 3 – Family: Matrimonial Finance – Western Bar

"Imogen is a very good individual, a pleasure to have on the other side in court."

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

"Emma is a very strong advocate and is a compassionate lawyer."

"Emma's client care skills are exceptional, she is gentle with her clients but is ferocious in court."

"Emma is meticulous in her preparation of a case."

"Emma is a very capable individual, she is professional and easy to work with."

"Emma is a safe pair of hands, she is experienced, realistic and engaging in court."

Stephen Abberley – Band 1 – Family: Children - Midlands Bar

"Stephen is a fantastic barrister. He puts clients at ease and has excellent advocacy skills."

"Stephen's advocacy always impresses, and his written work is of such a high calibre."

"Stephen is often instructed in complex matters involving considerable and extensive medical evidence. He instils an immediate sense of trust and confidence in clients."

Emma Harman is ranked in Chambers UK 2026 – Band 2 – Family: Children - Western Bar

Nathalie Bull – Band 3 – Family: Children - Midlands Bar

"Nathalie is a diligent and thoughtful advocate who is very good on the details."

"Nathalie is well prepared and an effective advocate."

Oliver Thorne – Band 3 – Family: Matrimonial Finance - Western

"Oliver has excellent technical skills and combines this with great commercial awareness and pragmatism."

"Oliver always approaches his cases with a highly strategic view designed to ensure a proactive approach to the litigation."

"Oliver is a safe pair of hands."

Aimee Fox – Band 2 – Family: Matrimonial Finance - Midlands Bar

Aimee Fox – Band 3 – Family: Children - Midlands Bar

"Aimee is a fantastic and dedicated advocate who will engage fully with the case and get the best possible outcome for the client."

"Aimee is a really good all-rounder who can see the bigger picture. She is always extremely well prepared and has the ability to put the client at ease."

Mark Elliott – Band 2 – Family: Matrimonial Finance - Western Bar

"Mark is a sensible and pragmatic barrister who is highly capable in a reassuring manner."

"Mark has a phenomenal skill of making clients feel reassured in what are usually exceptionally difficult periods in their lives."

"Mark is a calm and confident advocate. His case notes are clear and concise and show his extensive attention to detail."

Steven Howard – Band 1 – Family: Children - Western Bar

"Steven is an exceptional advocate and is someone who the courts trust."

Sarah Jennings – Band 3 – Family: Children - Western Bar - NEW

"Sarah's knowledge is first-rate, she has a real ability to quickly understand a case."

Andrew Duncan – Band 3 – Family: Children - Midlands Bar - NEW

"An excellent junior who is going places specialising in complex care and public law work."

"Mr Duncan was really supportive and an excellent advocate who drafted excellent documentation at all times."

"Andrew has a meticulous approach to case preparation, and this is evidenced throughout a case. His case preparation is second to none."

Esther Lieu – Band 3 – Family: Matrimonial Finance - Western Bar - NEW

"Esther is a tenacious advocate, gaining the trust and confidence of her clients quickly."

"Esther is meticulous in her preparation, she is a very able and well practised advocate."

"Clients feel very safe in the knowledge that Esther will not only provide pragmatic and realistic advice, but also robustly represent them."

"Esther's client care skills are excellent; she is able to create a professional relationship that ensures clients feel heard and well represented."

Nicola Frost – Band 3 – Family: Matrimonial Finance – Western Bar

"Nicky is always well prepared, pragmatic and clear in her advice."

"Nicola is an excellent barrister with fantastic client relationship skills."

"Nicola thinks on her feet very well, remaining eloquent while taking sensible arguments."

Amy Beddis – Band 3 – Family: Children - Western Bar

Amy Beddis – Band 3 – Family: Matrimonial Finance - Western Bar

"Amy is brilliant and such a safe pair of hands. She has a wonderful way with clients and really puts them at ease."

"Amy is very approachable, adaptable, and good to work with. She can change her approach based on the client and their needs."

"Amy is very thorough and lovely with her clients."

"Amy is known for her sharp legal acumen, strategic thinking and the ability to tackle complex cases with confidence."

"Amy is a tenacious and skilled advocate, with excellent client care skills and a calm and knowledgeable approach."

Amy Lush is ranked in Chambers UK 2026 – Band 3 – Family: Children - Western Bar

Paul Froud – Band 3 – Family: Children - Midlands Bar

"He is really knowledgeable and so good with clients."

Frida Dahlqvist is ranked in Chambers UK 2026 – Band 3 - Family: Children – Midlands Bar

Laura Buchan – Band 3 – Family: Matrimonial Finance – South Eastern Bar - NEW

"Laura can be pretty feisty, straight-talking and direct. She acts in her client's best interest and takes no nonsense."

"Laura is very good on her points; she can think and speak quickly within her advocacy."

Client service quotes

**Family/Matrimonial – Midlands Bar – Band 1
Family: Children – Midlands Bar – Band 1**

Client service:

"The clerks are extremely personable and user-friendly. Nothing is too much trouble, and they are always willing to assist."

"Isabelle Lee, practice manager, stands out for her exceptional support and efficiency. She is always a pleasure to work with and ensures everything runs smoothly."

"The clerking team is excellent too. It's the most responsive and personable in the region."

Family/Matrimonial - Western Bar – Band 2

Client service:

"The clerks are excellent, they always pick up the phone, do what they can to help and return calls promptly."

"The clerking team is great to deal with."

"Their clerks are there to help 24 hours a day."

"The service levels and responsiveness of the clerks at the set are excellent."

"The clerks are very helpful and are quick to respond."