

3PB Criminal Law Team

Legal 500 2024 and Chambers and Partner 2024 Results

Group rankings

- The Legal 500 ranks our team in **Tier 1 in Western** for Crime (General and Fraud)
- The Legal 500 ranks our team in **Tier 2 in Western** for Business and Regulatory Crime (incl. Health and Safety)
- Chambers and Partners ranks our team in **Tier 1 in Western** for Crime

Legal 500 2024

WESTERN CIRCUIT > CRIME (GENERAL AND FRAUD) TIER 1

3PB's criminal team possesses '*great strength in depth*' and its members are '*respected and trusted across the Western Circuit*'. **Richard Onslow** is a '*formidable advocate*' handling a wide variety of cases, including those involving serious violence, sexual abuse, drugs conspiracies, and human trafficking. Nicholas Cotter is a '*thoughtful advocate*' with '*a ruthless legal mind*', while **Jodie Mittell** specialises in multi-handed cases, including joint enterprise murders and class A drug conspiracies, as well as sexual offences cases. '*First rate counsel*' **Thomas Evans** '*demonstrates an agility of mind and perspicacity possessed by very few indeed*'. He primarily handles serious organised crime and sexual offences cases and was recently instructed as junior counsel for the Crown in a case in which a man was alleged to have killed his drug dealer. **Gemma White**, whose '*particular strength lies in the cross-examination of young or vulnerable witnesses*', is now a part-time Deputy District Judge. Adam Feest KC, as was, was appointed a Circuit Judge in September 2022.

Leading Juniors

Timothy Bradbury – **3PB** '*Tim is at the zenith of the junior Bar; you are getting silk quality in a highly experienced junior. His affable and relaxed manner disguises an extremely acute brain. He is refined, conspicuously well-prepared, and never wrong-footed or out of his depth. His delivery is also measured and sophisticated.*'

Ranked: Tier 1

Richard Onslow – 3PB *‘Richard is a formidable advocate with a very engaging and effective presence in court. He is liked by judges and juries and fights for his clients with vigour. He is well respected by all on circuit - and perhaps best known for his no-nonsense approach.’*

Ranked: Tier 2

Nicholas Cotter – 3PB *‘Nick is a consummate advocate who combines clarity and brevity in a very attractive style. It is only a matter of time before he attains silk status.’*

Ranked: Tier 2

Tom Horder – 3PB

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Thomas Evans – 3PB *‘Tom is one of the finest young barristers around with a very good future ahead of him. He has masses of common sense and gets to the nub of cases very quickly. He is highly intelligent, a very effective advocate, and judges like him.’*

Ranked: Tier 2

Robert Grey – 3PB

Ranked: Tier 3

Jodie Mittell – 3PB *‘Jodie is meticulous in her preparation. She leaves no stone unturned and excels at developing her case strategy. Jodie gains the confidence of clients with ease and is widely liked and respected.’*

Ranked: Tier 3

Nick Robinson – 3PB *‘Nick is diligent and always enthusiastic about his work. His written work is of the highest quality. He is also a very persuasive and effective advocate.’*

Ranked: Tier 3

Gemma White – 3PB *‘Gemma is a diligent and extremely capable barrister. Whether prosecuting or defending, she is particularly adept at dealing with cases of the utmost sensitivity. She is always on top of her brief and combines intellect with a common sense approach.’*

Ranked: Tier 3

Berenice Mulvanny – 3PB *‘The combination of skill, hard work and compassion which Berenice brings has earned her an excellent reputation amongst instructing solicitors, colleagues and judges alike. Her tactical approach means that she is regularly entrusted with cases of the most difficult nature.’*

Ranked: Tier 3

Thomas Acworth – 3PB *‘Thomas is an extremely diligent practitioner with an extraordinary eye for detail and his knowledge is genuinely astounding. No stone is left unturned in his preparation and his advocacy is equally impressive.’*

Ranked: Tier 3

Testimonials

‘The clerks at 3PB are excellent. They have excellent market knowledge and are always able to find the right lawyer for the right case. Lee Giles and Stuart Pringle are hugely experienced and excellent to work with.’

‘3PB is an excellent chambers with great strength in depth. Their barristers are respected and trusted across Western Circuit.’

‘An excellent and well-respected set, one of the foremost sets on the Western Circuit.’

‘The range and depth of counsel in this set is ideal, allowing an almost bespoke tailoring of counsel and client fit.’

‘The clerks in this chambers are all of high quality and are always very helpful.’

WESTERN CIRCUIT > BUSINESS AND REGULATORY CRIME (INCLUDING HEALTH AND SAFETY) TIER 2

Members of **3PB** regularly handle a range of health and safety matters, representing a wide range of clients, including local authorities, regulatory bodies, businesses, individuals, and the Health and Safety Executive. Nicholas Cotter *‘is an excellent advocate’* who *‘quickly commands the respect of the court’*. He has a strong presence on the Western Circuit in this area and recently defended a company and director against a charge of corporate manslaughter following two workplace fatalities. **Tom Horder** both has considerable expertise in relation to health and safety matters at sea. David Richards was appointed a circuit judge in September 2023.

Leading Juniors

Nicholas Cotter – 3PB *‘Nick is a real heavyweight junior with a keen sense for a sound strategy. He has a calm, responsive and pragmatic approach and an excellent manner with judge and jury alike in the heat of courtroom proceedings.’*

Ranked: Tier 1

Tom Horder – 3PB *‘Tom is always very friendly, approachable and contactable. He quickly gets to the core of the issues and expresses his advice in a user-friendly manner. He has a good eye for detail and in court his submissions are well-crafted. He is also conscious of effective jury handling and decanting complex matters into the key facts in a digestible manner.’*

Ranked: Tier 2

Testimonials

‘Gemma Faulkner [is] excellent. [She] goes above and beyond to accommodate.’

‘The clerks are efficient, and go and above and beyond to accommodate. Mark Heath is a safe pair of hands.’

‘Stuart Pringle and Lee Giles are hugely experienced and capable when it comes to their running of the clerks’ room. They have strong local knowledge and are always good to work with.’

‘3 Paper buildings is an impressive chambers. They deliver an excellent service.’

‘3PB is first class when it comes to marine safety. They have worked with the MCA for a long time and this is shown in their levels of expertise and knowledge in this field.’

‘3PB is an excellent set. They are responsive, well organised and commercially minded, with strength in depth when it comes to criminal, white collar and regulatory cases.’

‘The clerks at the Winchester office have always been most helpful and approachable. Face to face conferences at chambers are well organised and resourced.’

Chambers and Partners 2024

Crime - Western Bar – Band 1

Client service:

“The clerks work hard to honour our requests for specific counsel.”

“The clerks are very helpful at taking on cases and finding suitable counsel. This includes late instructions and where there needs to be a return.”

“The clerks have always been extremely supportive and have always ensured that I have suitable counsel to assist, even on occasions at short notice.”

Berenice Mulvanny

“Berenice has an amazing work ethic and is very knowledgeable of the law.”

Jodie Mittell

“Jodie is extremely well prepared and her advocacy is first rate. Even when she's cross examining vulnerable witnesses, she's very clear, covering every point in a way which is helpful to everybody concerned.”

“Jodie is excellent: very thorough and meticulous.”

Nicholas Cotter

“Nicholas has a very smooth advocacy style and the jury pay close attention. He is also excellent at putting clients at ease when they are at their most anxious.”

“Nicholas invests lots of time in the client's interests and is also very skilled in the courtroom.”

“Nicholas is a class act who has a really good relationship with clients.”

Nicholas Robinson

“He is highly effective and highly skilled in all aspects of criminal defence work.”

“Clients love Nicholas. He's a very good lawyer and a persuasive advocate.”

“Nicholas handled the cross-examination deftly but devastatingly. His ability to juggle disclosure requests, client management and legal arguments is remarkable.”

Richard Onslow

“Richard is a very experienced lawyer. He is very good with complex cases.”

“Richard is a very knowledgeable and highly skilled counsel.”

“Richard is a powerful presence in the court room.”

Robert Grey

“He has superb analytical abilities and is committed.”

Thomas Acworth

“Thomas is a fearless advocate.”

Thomas Evans

“He is a very skilled advocate and cerebral counsel.”

“Thomas is an extremely accomplished, knowledgeable and hard-working barrister who goes over and above in case preparation.”

“Thomas is a rising star. He is bright, tenacious and very effective in court.”

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Timothy Bradbury

“He is excellent on the law and in oral argument.”

“Timothy has a formidable intellect, is tactically astute and a very effective prosecutor.”

“Timothy is extremely experienced and always consummately on top of his case and the brief.”

Tom Horder

“He is a thorough, conscientious, and effective first-class advocate.”

“Tom is a powerful advocate who is charming yet forceful when needed.”

Health and Safety - Western Bar**Nicholas Cotter**

“Nicholas is experienced in this field and he's very highly regarded.”

“He also goes above and beyond and has meetings with clients to reassure them.”

“He's a real specialist in the area.”