

Criminal and Regulatory Law Team - Legal 500 2025

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)

Individual rankings

Barristers ranked in Legal 500	Legal 500 section	Bar	2025
Audrey Archer	Crime	Western	NEW - Yes
Berenice Mulvanny	Crime	Western	yes
Gemma White	Crime	Western	yes
Graham Gilbert	Crime	Western	NEW - Yes
Jodie Mittell	Crime	Western	yes
Jonathan Underhill	Crime	Western	NEW - Yes
Jonathan Underhill	Business and regulatory crime (including health and safety and licensing)	Western	NEW - Yes
Jonathan Underhill	Fraud: Crime	London	NEW - Yes
Nicholas Cotter	Business and regulatory crime (including health and safety and licensing)	Western	yes
Nicholas Cotter	Crime	Western	yes
Nick Robinson	Crime	Western	yes
Richard Onslow	Crime	Western	yes
Robert Grey	Crime	Western	yes
Thomas Acworth	Crime	Western	yes
Timothy Bradbury	Crime	Western	yes
Tom Evans	Crime	Western	yes
Tom Horder	Business and regulatory crime (including health and safety and licensing)	Western	yes
Tom Horder	Crime	Western	yes

Team commentary

Regional Bar > Western Circuit > Crime (general and fraud) - Tier 1

3PB is 'a strong set with barristers of every level and specialism' and continues to handle cases across a wide spectrum of serious criminal cases, spanning murders, large-scale drug conspiracies, sexual offences and serious violence. **Nicholas Cotter** is 'an exceptional lawyer, immensely strategic and terrific with clients', and recently acted for the director of a call centre charged with an advance-fee fraud concerning PPI claims; this defendant was convicted but avoided an immediate custodial sentence. **Thomas Evans** successfully prosecuted in a trial related to the interception of £118m worth of cocaine in the Netherlands and is described as an 'excellent and sound lawyer who is always concise and clear in presenting a case'. **Tom Horder** is a 'bright, personable and hard-working individual' who is currently handling the prosecution of an individual facing multiple allegations of child cruelty and sexual offences.

Regional Bar > Western Circuit > Business and regulatory crime (including health and safety) – Tier 2

3PB has members with expertise across a wide range of civil and criminal health and safety cases for local authorities, regulatory bodies, businesses, individuals, and the Health and Safety Executive. **Nicholas Cotter** is 'an exceptional lawyer who is smooth and calm in court' and recently defended a firm facing charges of corporate manslaughter arising from the death of an employee working on a scrap sorting machine. **Tom Horder** is 'an excellent barrister and a true all-rounder'.

Individual commentary

Audrey Archer - Regional Bar > Western Circuit > Crime (general and fraud) – Tier 3

Audrey Archer – 3PB 'Audrey is an accomplished, fearless and highly effective advocate. She is meticulously well-prepared and presents with a secure grasp of all aspects of a case.'

Berenice Mulvanny - Regional Bar > Western Circuit > Crime (general and fraud) – Tier 3

Berenice Mulvanny – 3PB 'Berenice is a thoughtful advocate. She is well-prepared.'

Gemma White - Regional Bar > Western Circuit > Crime (general and fraud) – Tier 2

Gemma White – 3PB 'Gemma is extremely hard-working. Her case presentation skills are second-to-none, and she is a stand-out cross-examiner who has a particular ability to gently undermine the evidence of any witness in a case without appearing overbearing.'

Graham Gilbert – Regional Bar > Western Circuit > Crime (general and fraud) – Tier 3

Graham Gilbert – 3PB 'Graham is a hard-working and highly effective advocate. He is extremely bright, and his case preparation is second-to-none.'

Jodie Mittell - Regional Bar > Western Circuit > Crime (general and fraud) – tier 3

Jodie Mittell – 3PB 'Jodie is a foremost junior advocate. Her advocacy is always well-prepared, precise and clear.'

Jonathan Underhill - London Bar > Fraud: crime – Tier 4

Jonathan Underhill – 3PB 'Jonathan's ability to process detail is outstanding. He brings great technical knowledge, and that gives him a wonderful air of confidence which puts his clients at ease.'

Jonathan Underhill - Regional Bar > Western Circuit > Business and regulatory crime (including health and safety) – Tier 2

Jonathan Underhill - 3PB 'Jonathan is meticulous in his case preparation and offers a calm and assured presence in court. He is a skilful lawyer who can translate his understanding into persuasive and compelling advocacy, both in his legal submissions and trial advocacy.'

Jonathan Underhill – Regional Bar > Western Circuit > Crime (general and fraud) – Tier 3

Jonathan Underhill – 3PB 'Jonathan is meticulous in his case preparation and offers a calm and assured presence in court. He is a skilful lawyer who can translate his understanding into persuasive and compelling advocacy.'

Nicholas Cotter - Regional Bar > Western Circuit > Business and regulatory crime (including health and safety) – Tier 1

Nicholas Cotter – 3PB 'Nick is an extremely knowledgeable barrister with a wealth of experience. He provides strategic and focused advice and has an assured and calm presence. His advocacy skills are excellent, and his client manner is impeccable.'

Nicholas Cotter - Regional Bar > Western Circuit > Crime (general and fraud) – Tier 2

Nicholas Cotter – 3PB 'Nicholas is an accomplished, experienced and skilful barrister. He has a fine eye for the essence of a case.'

Nicholas Cotter - Regional Bar > Western Circuit > Professional disciplinary law – Tier 1

Nicholas Cotter – 3PB 'Nick has excellent attention to detail and instantly puts the client at ease. He is an exceptional lawyer, terrific with clients and immensely strategic.'

Nick Robinson - Regional Bar > Western Circuit > Crime (general and fraud) – Tier 3

Nick Robinson – 3PB ‘Nick is a committed, highly competent and effective criminal barrister. He is an effective trial advocate who gets good results, and his pleas in mitigation are always carefully constructed with great preparation.’

Richard Onslow - Regional Bar > Western Circuit > Crime (general and fraud) – Tier 2

Richard Onslow – 3PB ‘Richard is a formidable advocate. He is thorough and meticulous in his preparation and has an impressive presence in the courtroom.’

Robert Grey is ranked in the Regional Bar > Western Circuit > Crime (general and fraud) – Tier 3**Thomas Acworth - Regional Bar > Western Circuit > Crime (general and fraud) – Tier 3**

Thomas Acworth – 3PB ‘Thomas is driven, focused and talented. He has precise attention to detail and a robust approach to advocacy.’

Thomas Evans - Regional Bar > Western Circuit > Crime (general and fraud) – Tier 2

Thomas Evans – 3PB ‘Tom is a very accomplished advocate. He has a smooth, confident courtroom persona. His closing speeches are always well-pitched and thoughtful.’

Tim Bradbury is ranked in the Regional Bar > Western Circuit > Crime (general and fraud) – Tier 1**Tom Horder - Regional Bar > Western Circuit > Business and regulatory crime (including health and safety) – Tier 2**

Tom Horder – 3PB ‘Tom is a concise, clear and intelligent advocate.’

Tom Horder - Regional Bar > Western Circuit > Crime (general and fraud) – Tier 2

Tom Horder – 3PB ‘Tom is an intelligent advocate who commands the respect of the court.’