

3PB Education Law Team

Chambers and Partners and Legal 500 2023 Results

Group rankings

- Chambers and Partners rank our education law team in Band 3 in London.
- The Legal 500 rank our team in Tier 4 in London.

Individual Rankings

Barrister	Specialism	Bar	Chambers and Partners	Legal 500
John Friel	Education	London	Band 3	Tier 4
Lachlan Wilson	Education	London	Band 4	
Charlotte Hadfield	Education	London	Band 2	Tier 2
Katherine Anderson	Education	London		Tier 5
Aimee Fox	Education	Midlands		Tier 1
Aimee Fox	Education	London		Tier 5
Jennifer Agyekum	Education	London	Band 4 – NEW!	Tier 4
Emma Waldron	Education	London	Band 4	Tier 4
Alice de Coverley	Education	London	Band 3	Tier 5
Matthew Wyard	Education	London	Up and coming	Tier 5 – NEW!
Matthew Wyard	Education	Wales and Chester		Tier 1

Chambers and Partners

John Friel – Band 3

“John’s quality of work, insight and advocacy will come as no surprise to anyone who has worked with or against him.”

“John is an expert in education law.”

“You want John in your corner on complex cases.”

Lachlan Wilson – Band 4

“Lachlan brings a calm and level-headed approach.”

“Lachlan is extremely likable with expert advocacy and good judgement.”

“Lachlan is a charming and persuasive advocate.”

Charlotte Hadfield – Band 2

“Charlotte achieves excellent results whilst maintaining a reassuring presence for clients.”

“Charlotte has a remarkable ability to speedily get to the heart of the issue with confidence.”

“The support Charlotte provides is invaluable. Her responsiveness in time-pressured situations is vital.”

Jennifer Agyekum – Band 4 - NEW

“Jennifer is a rising star and a force to be reckoned with.”

Emma Waldron – Band 4

“Emma is extremely calm and able to work on very complex, emotive work. She is incredibly bright and collaborative.”

“Emma is a gifted and persuasive advocate who is able to get to the heart of the matter.”

“Emma is an extremely kind, caring and compassionate barrister, providing very thorough and detailed counsel.”

Alice de Coverley – Band 3

“Alice is excellent at identifying the key issues and presenting the evidence in the most persuasive way.”

“Alice is a highly astute and competent advocate with a razor-sharp legal mind.”

Matthew Wyard -- Up and coming

“He is an outstanding advocate with a fantastic grasp of complex, factual cases and a thorough and detailed knowledge of the legal framework. His client care is exemplary.”

“Matthew is capable of dealing with complex matters at a rapid pace.”

“Matthew works tirelessly for his clients and puts up quite a performance within the special needs tribunals.”

Clerks quotes

“Chris Mitchell directs practice management at the set and is ably assisted by Tom Cox and Gemma Faulkner for education work.”

“The clerks are phenomenal and provide a fantastic level of service and support.”

“Chris Mitchell and Gemma Faulkner are very responsive and will always assist with queries.”

Legal 500**LONDON BAR > EDUCATION TIER 4**

3PB's practice is home to '*genuine specialists in education law*'. Members act on a wide range of education matters including SEND cases, admissions and exclusions, and discrimination issues. Team head **Charlotte Hadfield** appeared in a case clarifying the statutory expectation for a local authority regarding an EHCP. In another matter, **Alice de Coverley** acted for the claimant in *Raquel Rosario Sanchez v Bristol University*, a high-profile case concerning whether a university owed duty of care to a PhD student facing bullying from other students.

Leading Juniors

Charlotte Hadfield – **3PB** '*Charlotte is extremely bright, and can handle the most complex cases with ease.*'
Ranked: Tier 2

John Friel - **3PB**
Ranked: Tier 4

Emma Waldron – **3PB** '*Emma provides clear, accurate and concise advice in the most difficult cases. Her advocacy is impeccable.*'
Ranked: Tier 4

Jennifer Agyekum – **3PB** '*Jennifer has a calm, thoughtful and thorough approach, which instills confidence in witnesses.*'
Ranked: Tier 4

Aimee Fox – **3PB**
Ranked: Tier 5

Katherine Anderson – **3PB** '*Katherine is extremely bright, client-friendly and meticulous in her preparation and written work.*'
Ranked: Tier 5

Alice de Coverley – **3PB** '*Alice is pragmatic, straightforward and constructive. She is as good as it gets in the field of education law.*'
Ranked: Tier 5

Matthew Wyard – **3PB** '*Matthew is meticulous with his preparation and has a great way with clients, putting them at ease so that they can give clear and cogent evidence. His advocacy is well beyond his year of call.*'
Ranked: Tier 5

Testimonials**Set**

'3PB has a number of strong education law barristers in the set.'

'There is always counsel available, even in those last minute cases as the set will often bend over backwards to find somebody suitable.'

'Great for SEND Tribunal work.'

Clerks

'Chris Mitchell is a fantastic clerk; his communication is direct and fast and he is very accommodating to specific requests.'

'The service from the clerks is always professional and helpful. Both Tom Cox and Gemma Faulkner provide timely responses and clearly have a good understanding of the barrister's strengths.'

'Gemma Faulkner is the single most organised and meticulous person I have ever encountered. It quite extraordinary how detail-orientated she is.'

MIDLAND CIRCUIT > EDUCATION

Leading Juniors

Aimee Fox – **3PB** *'Aimee is exceptionally knowledgeable and pays great attention to the details of her work.'*
Ranked: Tier 1

WALES AND CHESTER CIRCUIT > EDUCATION

Leading Juniors

Matthew Wyard – **3PB** *'Matthew is very detailed and will go that extra step further in order to present the strongest case possible. He is very approachable and clients like him.'*
Ranked: Tier 1