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THE LEGAL 500 UK 2026

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In the 2026 edition of the Legal 500 UK guide, BCLP received 53 practice area rankings and 83 lawyers recognized for individual awards. The firm maintained seven Tier 1 practice rankings and gained two new rankings in Environment and North West Property Litigation.

Tier 1 Rankings include:

- Crime, Fraud and Licensing: Licensing
- Energy and Natural Resources: Water
- Real Estate: Commercial Property: Corporate Occupiers
- Real Estate: Commercial Property: Development
- Real Estate: Commercial Property: Investment
- Real Estate: Planning
- Real Estate: Property Litigation

BCLP's recognized lawyer rankings included, 13 Hall of Fame Partners, 35 Leading Partners, 12 Next Generation Partners and 14 Leading Associate rankings. Five partners were newly recognized this year as Leading Partners in their practice areas:

- Kevin Atkins – Oil and Gas
- Verity Waington – Commercial Property: Investment
- Oran Gelb – Banking Litigation
- Kieran Saunders – Real Estate Funds
- Gareth Stringer - Construction: Non Contentious

BCLP's Next Generation Partners are:

- David Rundle – Financial Services: Contentious
- Rachel Ziegler – Fraud: Civil
- Rhys Corbett – Banking Litigation
- Katherine Pope – Employment: Employers
- Catherine Turner – Employment: Employers
- Will Trotman – Finance: Securitisation
- Kimberly Roberts – Construction: non contentious
- Gordon McMillan – Real Estate: Property Finance
- Benedict West – Real Estate: Property Finance
- Payam Yoseflavi – Real Estate: Property Finance
- Victoria Blanchard – Real Estate: Property Litigation
- Rebecca Campbell – Real Estate: Property Litigation

BCLP's 2025 Hall of Fame Lawyers are:

- Carol Osborne – Commercial Contracts
- Elizabeth Bradley - Corporate Tax
- Alan Sinyor - VAT and Indirect Tax
- Jeremy Bark - Licensing
- George Burn - International Arbitration
- Anthony Lennox - Insurance and Reinsurance Litigation
- Geraldine Quirk - Insurance: Corporate and Regulatory
- Mark Richards – Infrastructure: Project Finance and Development
- Alan Wight - Commercial Property: Corporate Occupiers
- Chris de Pury - Commercial Property: Investment
- Tim Smith - Planning

- Naveen Vijh - Property Finance
- Graham Shear – Sport

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- M&A & Corporate Finance
- VAT & Indirect Taxes
- Tax Controversy
- Tax Advice & Controversy
- Real Estate Tax
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- Hotels & Hospitality
- Insurance Regulatory
- Construction Disputes
- Commercial Construction & Engineering

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