

Awards

CHAMBERS 2026 UK GUIDE RANKS BCLP IN 36 PRACTICE AREAS AND RECOGNISES 76 INDIVIDUAL LAWYERS

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SUMMARY

In the 2026 edition of Chambers UK BCLP received 36 practice area rankings and 76 individual lawyer recognitions. This year, the firm is recognized in six new practice areas and improved to a Band 1 ranking for Commercial Contracts, as well as a Band 2 ranking for Hotels and Leisure.

NEW RANKINGS FOR 2026:

- Corporate Finance: Lenders: Mid-Market
- Leveraged Finance: Lenders: Mid-Market
- Corporate Finance: Borrowers: Mid-Market
- Competition & European Law: Competition Law: Litigation
- Restructuring & Insolvency
- Capital Markets: Securitisation

OUR BAND 1 RANKINGS ARE:

London (Firms)

- Planning
- Real Estate Litigation
- Real Estate: £150m and above

UK-Wide

- Asset Finance: Rail Finance
- Commercial Contracts
- Transportation – Rail: Rolling Stock

HIGHLIGHTS FROM OUR CLIENTS:

Planning: *“The BCLP team is hugely professional and personable. Often work within the planning sector can be stressful and intense, however BCLP conduct themselves in a calm and diligent manner.”*

Asset Finance: Rail Finance: *“They have an ability to quickly understand the nature of an issue, and ratify proposed solutions in plain English. They bring a very keen attention to detail when examining the wider implications of a proposal or counterproposal put forward by the other parties. They have a comprehensive in-depth knowledge of the contracts we work with, coupled with hard work, speed of delivery and quality of legal documentation produced.”*

Commercial Contracts: *“BCLP are very detailed and have unique knowledge of the challenges we face. [...] The team's diversification of knowledge and experience stands out. They are capable of handling complex and sensitive negotiations.”*

Real Estate: £150m and above: *“BCLP has a very capable team and is proactive in identifying commercial issues. The firm is excellent at summarising complex issues and providing clear advice on next steps. They are amazing at rising to the occasion and leading where appropriate.”*

The firm's individually recognized lawyer rankings include seven lawyers who were highlighted for their exceptional work in multiple practice areas:

- Russell Clifford – UK-wide Asset Finance: Rail Finance and UK-wide Transport: Rail
- Oran Gelb – UK-wide Banking Litigation and UK-wide Financial Services: Contentious Regulatory (Corporates)
- Polly James – UK-wide Financial Services: Contentious Regulatory (Corporates) and UK-wide Financial Services: Contentious Regulatory (Individuals)
- Marcus Pearl – UK-wide Commercial Contracts and London (Firms) Information Technology & Outsourcing
- Graham Shear – London (Firms) Commercial and Corporate Litigation; UK-wide Defamation/Reputation Management and UK-wide Sport

- Alan Sinyor – London (Firms) Tax: VAT and UK-wide Tax: Contentious
- Jamie Wiseman-Clarke – UK-wide Asset Finance: Rail Finance and UK-wide Transport: Rail

Ten lawyers also received new rankings for their outstanding work in their practices this year:

- Kieran Saunders – UK-wide Investment Funds
- Emma Howdle-Fuller – London (Firms) Corporate Finance: Mid-Market
- Marc Trottier – London (Firms) Restructuring and Insolvency
- Matthew Baker – UK-wide Financial Services: Non-Contentious
- James Fairburn – UK-wide Insurance: Contentious Claims & Reinsurance
- Sheridan Treger – London (Firms) Planning
- Simon Letherman - London (Firms) Tax
- Edward Gardner – London (Firms) Real Estate Litigation
- Philip de Vries – London (Firms) Restructuring and Insolvency
- Nnaemeka Ezech – UK-wide Capital Markets: Securitisation

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- M&A & Corporate Finance

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