

Awards

BCLP MOVES UP IN CHAMBERS UK 2027 WITH A NEW BAND 1 AND 20 NEWLY RANKED LAWYERS

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BCLP has been recognized in the 2027 edition of Chambers UK, with 38 practice area rankings and 91 individual lawyer rankings. This year's results include three new practice area rankings, three improved departmental rankings and 20 new individual lawyer rankings, reflecting the firm's continued strength and growth across its UK practices.

Highlights include our London Construction: Non-contentious practice moving up to Band 1, as well as Band 1 individual rankings for partners Laura Wild in Hotels & Leisure and Russell Clifford in Transport: Rail.

New practice area rankings for 2027

BCLP achieved three new practice area rankings in this year's guide:

- Infrastructure: PFI/PPP – UK-wide, Band 3
- Real Estate: £10 million and above – North West, Band 5
- Real Estate Litigation – North West, Band 4

Our Band 1 rankings are:

London

- Construction: Non-contentious – newly promoted to Band 1
- Planning – Band 1
- Real Estate Litigation – Band 1
- Real Estate: £150 million and above – Band 1

UK-Wide

- Asset Finance: Rail Finance – Band 1
- Commercial Contracts – Band 1
- Transport: Rail: Rolling Stock – Band 1

Improved practice area rankings

Three practice areas achieved improved rankings:

- Construction: Non-contentious – London, Band 1 (previously Band 2)
- Construction: Contentious – London, Band 3 (previously Band 4)
- Retail – UK-wide, Band 3 (previously Band 4)

Highlights from our clients

Chambers UK rankings are informed by independent research and client feedback, providing insight into the quality of legal advice and service delivered by ranked firms and lawyers. Selected client testimonials from the 2027 guide include:

Construction: Non-contentious – London, Band 1

“The service we receive from BCLP is first in class. Fantastic. Always responsive and understanding of time-critical challenges.”

Real Estate: £10 million and above – North West, Band 5

“They provide elite legal knowledge with a very commercially oriented edge. They are solution-focused. Unlike other legal firms, BCLP doesn’t waste time and gets straight to the most optimal solution. BCLP has been doing a great job for us.”

Commercial Contracts – UK-wide, Band 1

“The BCLP team is extremely pragmatic and business oriented. It delivers clear and relevant advice.”

Transport: Rail: Rolling Stock – UK-wide, Band 1

“The department stands out for its genuine sector specialism in rail, combining technical legal excellence with a clear understanding of the commercial and operational drivers.”

Individual lawyer recognition

BCLP achieved 91 individual lawyer rankings in the 2027 guide, including 18 improved rankings and 20 new rankings.

Among the notable achievements, Laura Wild and Russell Clifford secured Band 1 rankings in Hotels & Leisure and Transport: Rail, respectively.

Lawyers achieving improved rankings

London

- Andrew Hockley – Competition Law, Band 3 (previously Band 4)
- James Clarke – Construction: Contentious, Band 5 (previously Band 6)
- Gareth Stringer – Construction: Non-contentious, Band 2 (previously Band 3)
- Kimberly Roberts – Construction: Non-contentious, Band 6 (previously Up and Coming)
- Catherine Turner – Employment: Employer, Band 4 (previously Band 5)
- Katherine Pope – Employment: Employer, Band 6 (previously Up and Coming)
- Emma Perring – Planning, Star Associate (previously Associate to Watch)
- Giles Pink – Planning, Band 3 (previously Band 4)
- Edward Gardner – Real Estate Litigation, Up and Coming (previously Associate to Watch)
- Victoria Blanchard – Real Estate Litigation, Band 5 (previously Up and Coming)
- Simon Letherman – Tax, Band 5 (previously Up and Coming)

UK-wide

- Marcus Pearl – Commercial Contracts, Band 2 (previously Band 3)
- Segun Osuntokun – Fraud: Civil, Band 3 (previously Band 4)
- Laura Wild – Hotels & Leisure, Band 1 (previously Band 2)
- Naveen Vijh – Real Estate Finance, Band 2 (previously Band 3)
- Alan Sinyor – Tax: Contentious, Band 2 (previously Band 4)
- Deborah Boddy – Transport: Rail, Star Associate (previously Associate to Watch)
- Russell Clifford – Transport: Rail, Band 1 (previously Band 2)

Newly ranked lawyers for 2027

Twenty new individual lawyer rankings were achieved across London, the North West and UK-wide categories.

London

- Richard Obank – Restructuring/Insolvency, Band 6
- Alexandra Hildyard – Competition Law: Litigation, Up and Coming
- Andrew Hockley – Competition Law: Litigation, Band 5
- Jennifer Varley – Construction: Contentious, Up and Coming
- Fiona Coady – Corporate Finance: Mid-Market, Band 3
- Nick Harding – Environment & Climate Change, Star Associate
- Sam Levy – Environment & Climate Change, Associate to Watch
- Benjamin Wheeler – Information Technology & Outsourcing, Up and Coming
- Andrew Street – Commercial and Corporate Litigation, Up and Coming
- Graham Shear – Commercial and Corporate Litigation: Individual Representation, Band 3
- James Parker – Planning, Band 6
- Verity Waington – Real Estate: £150 million and above, Band 5
- Daniel Barrett – Real Estate Litigation, Associate to Watch
- Megan Davies – Real Estate Litigation, Associate to Watch
- Andy West – Tax: Real Estate, Up and Coming

North West

- Jessica Parry – Real Estate Litigation, Band 3

UK-wide

- Deborah Boddy – Asset Finance: Rail Finance, Associate to Watch
- Mark Richards – Infrastructure: PFI/PPP, Band 2

- Sam Burke – Real Estate Finance, Associate to Watch
- Taslima Salam – Real Estate Finance, Band 4

These results demonstrate the depth of experience across BCLP's UK practices and recognize both established practitioners and emerging talent.

For a complete list of rankings, visit [BCLP, UK 2027 | Chambers Profiles](#)

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- Real Estate Finance
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- Outsourcing
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- Environment
- Restructuring & Insolvency/Special Situations

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