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London

Footnotes

The **Administrative and public law** section includes a sub-ranking for election law disputes

Company and partnership will include separate tables for each area, but combined editorial. Chambers are invited to submit for either or both areas, as they feel appropriate

Consumer excludes consumer credit matters (covered under **Banking and finance**)

IT and telecoms will include separate tables for (a) IT and telecoms (excluding regulatory) and (b) Telecoms (regulatory). There will be combined editorial. Chambers are invited to submit for one or both areas, as they feel appropriate. Data protection is now a separate section

Local government (including rating law) is a new section that will include claimant and defendant local government work, as well as actions undertaken by local government against central government and rating disputes

Media and entertainment (including art and cultural property) will include separate tables for each area, but combined editorial. Chambers are invited to submit for either or both areas, as they feel appropriate

Personal injury, industrial disease and insurance fraud will include separate tables for (a) Personal injury, (b) Industrial disease, and (c) Insurance fraud. There will be combined editorial. Chambers are invited to submit for one, two or all three areas, as they feel appropriate

Property litigation and **Agriculture** are now separate chapters. Chambers must submit separate applications to be considered for both sections

Tax: corporate and VAT/indirect tax will include separate tables for each area, but combined editorial. Chambers are invited to submit for either or both areas, as they feel appropriate

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London Bar: practice area definitions

Chambers are advised to take note of the following practice area definitions.

Administrative and public law (including elections)

Work taken into account in this section includes key constitutional issues and generalised matters of public law not covered in other areas of the UK Bar guide, as well as national government and election law. There is some crossover between this section and our civil liberties and human rights rankings, as arguments concerning the European Convention on Human Rights are frequently raised in such cases. This section does not aim to include barristers in specialist areas where judicial review is the appeal from executive decision-makers. Please note our separate coverage of planning, professional discipline, public procurement, EU law, education, extradition, social housing, and immigration, etc.

Business and regulatory crime (including global investigations)

Work taken into account in this section will concern business crime matters such as bribery, sanctions, interest-rate rigging, criminal cartel offences, trade union redundancy offences and similar. It does not cover fraud cases such as land-banking scams and VAT fraud: please see the Fraud: crime section for coverage of this specialism. International crime and extradition and POCA and asset forfeiture are also covered separately. That said, many barristers are likely to have practices that do not neatly fit within these boxes and so may be ranked in more than one practice area.

Crime (general)

Work taken into account in this section will concern violent and sexual offences such as murder and rape, but this table also covers modern slavery offences, significant drug conspiracies and other serious non-financial crime, both for the defence and prosecution. It does not cover criminal fraud or corruption and sanctions-type offences: please see the Fraud: crime and Business and regulatory crime sections for coverage of those specialisms. International crime and extradition and POCA and asset forfeiture are also covered separately. That said, many barristers are likely to have practices that do not neatly fit within these boxes and so may be ranked in more than one practice area. Criminal prosecutions relating to motoring are covered as part of Health and safety.

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Fraud: crime

Work taken into account in this section concerns criminal prosecutions of Ponzi schemes, land-banking scams, VAT frauds, confidence frauds and boiler rooms, among others. It does not cover regulatory investigations or business crime such as interest rate manipulation, bribery and trade union law offences; please see Business and regulatory crime for coverage of those specialisms. POCA and asset forfeiture expertise is also ranked separately, as is violent crime, which is covered in Crime: general. That said, many barristers have practices that do not neatly fit within these boxes and so may be ranked in more than one practice area. Civil fraud is also covered separately.

International crime and extradition

Work taken into account in this section encompasses extradition and European Arrest Warrant cases for both requesting governments and defendants and other cross-border criminal procedure matters such as Interpol red notices, as well as the significantly rarer work concerning offences under international criminal law, both before international tribunals and the British military and civilian courts. It does not cover sanctions work, which is covered in business and regulatory crime, or more general criminal matters with cross-border elements. It also does not cover appeals to the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council regarding cases within the ambit of general crime. That said, many barristers are likely to have practices that do not neatly fit within these boxes and so may be ranked in more than one practice area.

Local government (including rating law)

Work taken into account in this new sections covers includes issues concerning local government activities, which includes, but is not limited to, council governance and powers, highways, freedom of information, education, housing, and business rates and rating law.

Police law (defendant)

Work taken into account in this section covers representation of both police forces and constables in disciplinary proceedings, as well as civil claims against the police. See also Civil liberties and human rights (including actions against the police) for representation of claimants against the police.

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Proceeds of crime act and asset forfeiture

Work taken into account in this section covers proceeds of crime proceedings, in particular focussing on individual lawyers who specialise in this area of post-conviction litigation. In addition, it includes other asset forfeiture proceedings. It also includes unexplained wealth orders and other criminal finances issues. That said, many barristers are likely to have practices that do not neatly fit within these boxes and so may be ranked in more than one practice area.

Public international law

PIL covers a wide variety of disciplines, but for the purpose of this section, the rankings are primarily identifying those barristers with a strong focus on state v state disputes, state immunity, sanctions, and investment treaty arbitrations. There is inevitably some overlap with other categories such as public law and international human rights law, but for a more exhaustive review of experts in those fields, please see the separate civil liberties and human rights and administrative and public law chapters.

Regions

Footnotes

Family and children law will include separate ranking tables for divorce and financial remedy and child law (public and private)

Personal injury and **Clinical negligence** are now separate sections. Chambers must provide separate submissions for these sections