

Legal 500  
Edition 2014

Leading set  
Leading silks  
Leading juniors

Members of Devereux received a total of 54 individual listings across 20 practice areas in Legal 500's 2014 edition. Devereux recently gained a new chambers director in Vince Plant, following the departure of Beverly Landais in 2013. Plant joined the set in 2010 as head of clerking, and is 'exceptionally helpful and user friendly'. Deputy senior clerk Glenn Billenness also reaps praise, being 'very keen to develop longstanding relationships with solicitors'. It is an 'outstanding' set with 'highly approachable' individuals, and clerks who have 'really stepped up the level of service in recent years'. Counsel in chambers display an array of expertise in civil law, with notable strength in employment and personal injury work. The set also continues to build its telecoms and tax practices. Timothy Brennan QC became head of chambers in 2013, following Ingrid Simler QC's appointment to the bench.

#### Banking & Finance (including Consumer Credit)

**Jonathan Fisher QC** – "Responsive, very sharp, and clear; also highly recommended for financial crime."

#### Civil Liberties and Human Rights (including public inquiry law and actions against the police)

**Robert Weir QC** – "Experienced in the human rights aspects of personal injury and clinical negligence cases."

#### Clinical Negligence

Leading set – "There is a strong sense of being part of a team when one instructs Devereux. Chambers has particular expertise in high-value claimant cases."

**Robert Glancy QC** – "He has a wealth of knowledge, which puts clients at ease and opponents on edge."

**Robert Weir QC** – "Excellent on the most complex of cases."

Richard Cartwright – “A skilled negotiator who never gives up.”

## Commercial Litigation

Colin Edelman QC – “A hugely impressive advocate and lawyer.”

Graham Read QC – “He has a good sense of humour, but is aggressive when appropriate.”

Alison Padfield – “She shows great attention to detail and intellect, and is also very user friendly.”

## Education

Oliver Hyams – “Recognised for his considerable judicial review experience in the High Court.”

## Employment

Leading set – “Devereux provides ‘very good strength in depth across all areas of employment law,’ despite seeing Mohinderpal Sethi follow Suzanne McKie QC to Littleton Chambers, and losing former head of chambers Ingrid Simler QC to the bench.”

Bruce Carr QC – “A robust cross-examiner, who is able to dominate a tribunal.”

Timothy Brennan QC – “Recommended for employment remuneration matters.”

Peter Edwards – “First-class cross-examination skills.”

Andrew Burns – “Thorough but always prepared to consider a different point of view.”

Akash Nawbatt – “An exceptionally bright and hardworking advocate.”

Sophie Belgrove – “A rising star.”

Alice Mayhew – “Very good with clients, and a fierce cross-examiner.”

Talia Barsam – “Demonstrate exceptional client care and the ability to deliver strong advocacy.”

## Environment

Graham Read QC – “Excellent technical ability”

Stephen Killalea QC – “Very experienced.”

## Fraud: Civil

Jonathan Fisher QC – “Cerebral, knowledgeable and authoritative.”

## Fraud: Crime (including money laundering and asset forfeiture)

Jonathan Fisher QC – “A standout barrister, who is extremely knowledgeable.”

## Health and Safety

Stephen Killalea QC – “An exceptional advocate and tactician.”

## IT and Telecoms – IT and Telecoms (excluding regulatory)

**Graham Read QC** – “A true telecoms expert.”

## IT and Telecoms – IT and Telecoms (regulatory)

Leading set – “At Devereux, ‘there is certainly depth to the team.’ Members have acted for BT for many years, and 2013 saw three barristers acting for the telecoms giant in the dispute relating to Ethernet charges.”

**Graham Read QC** – “He is good with clients, sets a clear and effective strategy, and is a first-rate advocate.”

## Insurance and Reinsurance

Leading set – “Devereux has ‘a large number of very intelligent, versatile and user-friendly barristers.’ Colin Edelman QC’s highlights in 2013 included a Supreme Court victory in Teal V W R Berkley, and an appointment as chairman of the Bar Mutual Indemnity Fund.”

**Colin Edelman QC** – “A top insurance silk”

**Colin Wynter QC** – “He has a worth ethic that is second to none.”

**Richard Harrison** – “Exceptionally capable and very impressive.”

**Alison Padfield** – “Exceptionally bright.”

## International Arbitration (arbitrators)

**Colin Edelman QC** – “An outstanding authority on insurance issues.”

## International Arbitration (counsel)

**Colin Edelman QC** – “The best at what he does and always the first choice to lead any arbitration.”

## Personal Injury

Leading set – “Housing ‘a smaller but quite prolific PI team.’ Devereux is ‘a set that attracts and secures the best.’ Its members have specialist expertise in high-value catastrophic injury cases, particularly spinal and brain matters.”

**Robert Glancy QC** – “Prepares cases really well so they stand the best possible chance of success.”

**Stephen Killalea QC** – “Combines being a true leader with being a real team player.”

**Robert Weir QC** – “His written and oral advocacy are of the highest quality and a privilege to witness.”

**Bruce Silvester** – “Scrupulous in assessing evidence.”

**Colin Mendoza** – “Makes the client feel that their case is his only case.”

**Peter Edwards** – “Extremely personable.”

**Richard Cartwright** – “His grasp of the technical issues in a case is invariably excellent.”

**Robert Hunter** – “Thoroughly committed to his cases.”

### Private Client: Personal Tax

**Aparna Nathan** – “Able to communicate well with non-tax specialists.”

**Marika Lemos** – “Shows great knowledge of her subject and tenacity.”

### Professional Negligence

**Colin Edelman QC** – “Cuts through to the core of the problem and explains things clearly the lay client.”

**Richard Harrison** – “Very experience and focussed.”

**Alison Padfield** – “User friendly and responsive.”

### Tax: Corporate

Leading set – “Devereux enjoys an ‘excellent reputation in direct tax litigation, particularly in acting for the HMRC’. The set is also praised for its ‘considerable strength in depth’ and ‘proactive clerking’. Felicity Cullen QC recently joined from Gray’s Inn Tax Chambers.”

**Timothy Brennan QC** – “Draws on his specialist knowledge of tax and employment law to bring an exceptional array of skills to bear.”

**Jonathan Fisher QC** – “A go-to silk on avoidance and fraud matters; he knows how the HMRC and CPS’s minds work.”

**Felicity Cullen QC** – “Extremely diligent and well versed in the complex technicalities of corporate tax.”

**Aparna Nathan** – “A go-to junior on technical tax questions; she really knows her stuff.”

**Jolyon Maugham** – “A natural advocate with a good eye for an argument.”

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**Felicity Cullen QC** – “Provides a well-balanced view across the board on complex tax issues.”

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