



Legal 500  
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Leading set  
Leading silks  
Leading juniors

Members of Devereux received a total of 59 individual listings across 21 practice areas in Legal 500's 2015 edition. Devereux is strong in the areas of personal injury and employment, and has been steadily building up an enviable tax practice over the years through a stream of lateral hires. 'Members are willing to work alongside their instructing solicitors very effectively, and have all the brains and skills without the arrogance that can go with them.' The set also has 'very professional clerks who recognise the importance of client service and maintain regular contact with solicitors'; under the leadership of Vince Plant, 'they have come on leaps and bounds in the last few years'. The team of 'good relationships builders' also includes deputy senior clerk Glenn Billenness, who provides 'a first class service'. Practice managers Will Jackman (who 'bends over backwards for clients'), Chris Downes ('very helpful and supportive') and Laurence Willicombe (who 'does his best to secure counsel for urgent work') are also worthy of note.

#### Banking & Finance

**Jonathan Fisher QC** – "A rare breed who is well able to deal with hybrid financial, banking, criminal and regulatory law."

#### Business and Regulatory Crime

**Jonathan Fisher QC** – "Noted expert in the field."

#### Civil Liberties and Human Rights

**Robert Weir QC** – "Top-drawer counsel".

## Clinical Negligence

Leading set – “At Devereux, “the counsel are approachable, and make themselves available by phone or email, often at short notice”. “They are willing to go the extra mile, literally and metaphorically, meeting with clients around the country”.”

**Robert Glancy QC** – “He demonstrates meticulous attention to detail, and his client care skills are second to none.”

**Robert Weir QC** – “He manages experts incredibly well, and is a fantastic advocate.”

**Richard Cartwright** – “His mastery of medicine and quantum ensures that clients receive premier representation.”

## Commercial Litigation

**Colin Edelman QC** – “Hugely impressive – he gives commercial advice and never sits on the fence.”

**Graham Read QC** – “He clearly communicates advice with great authority and attention to detail.”

**Alison Padfield** – “Extremely calm, thorough and a delight to work with; she handles client meetings well.”

## Education

**Oliver Hyams** – “Recommended for education sector issues such as the employment of teachers.”

## Employment

**Devereux** is ranked as a leading set – “Devereux houses ‘a good number of go-to counsel at every level’. The set also wins plaudits for its service; ‘barristers go the extra mile and the clerks really value their client relationships’.”

**Timothy Brennan QC** – “Recommended for the intersection between employment and tax law.”

**Bruce Carr QC** – “He is very client-friendly, and positions his advice strategically and commercially.”

**Andrew Burns QC** – “He is always quick to get to the central commercial issues; he marshals the arguments well and is a compelling advocate.”

**Peter Edwards** – “A fine advocate with an excellent legal mind.”

**Akash Nawbatt** – “He is a pleasure to work with and clearly knows his subject.”

**Sophie Belgrove** – “She achieves great results and is a real hit with clients.”

**Alice Mayhew** – “She gets to grips with the key issues quickly and provides a seamless service to clients.”

**Laura Bell** – “An exceptionally skilled barrister, with excellent knowledge of the law and its application.”

**Talia Barsam** – “A tough cross-examiner who is very thorough and good with witnesses.”

## Environment

**Graham Read QC** – “Recommended for representing public utilities, local authorities, insurers, and large industrial conglomerates.”

**Stephen Killalea QC** – “Strong client care and clear legal analysis.”

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

**Jonathan Fisher QC** – “He is very knowledgeable, gets straight to the point and commands huge respect.” and **Jonathan Fisher QC** – “He has successfully carved out a niche in the field of HMRC powers.”

## Health & Safety

**Stephen Killalea QC** – “Strong client care and clear legal analysis.”

## IT and Telecoms – IT and Telecoms

**Graham Read QC** – “He goes the extra mile to master the facts.”

**Shaen Catherwood** – “Particularly strong on telecoms issues.”

## IT and Telecoms – Telecoms (regulatory)

**Devereux** is ranked as a leading set – “Devereux is recommended for telecoms regulatory disputes. **Graham Read QC** appeared for BT in the 08 numbers case.”

**Graham Read QC** – “Very commercial and pragmatic but with an eye for detail.”

**Georgina Hirsch** – “A dedicated and bright junior.”

## Insurance and Reinsurance

Leading set – “Devereux is an ‘excellent’ choice for insurance and ‘strength in depth is increasing right through chambers’. **Colin Edelman QC** is one of the best known insurance silks in the market and acted on the EL Trigger test case before the Supreme Court.”

**Colin Edelman QC** – “An excellent advocate and the top person in the field of liability insurance coverage.”

**Andrew Burns QC** – “He marshals the arguments well and is a compelling advocate.”

**Richard Harrison** – “He is brilliant, thorough, incisive and strategic – you want him on your team.”

**Alison Padfield** – “She is always meticulously well prepared and has a very good manner with clients.”

## International Arbitration (arbitrators)

**Colin Edelman QC** – “One of the best, both as counsel and as arbitrator.”

## International Arbitration (counsel)

**Colin Edelman QC** – “An outstanding advocate and lawyer; very clear and concise in his advice.”

## Personal Injury

Leading set – “Although it houses a smaller PI team than many of its competitors, Devereux’s ‘strength is in having truly quality individuals’ and ‘some of the best silks in the business’. Moreover, the clerks ‘go the extra mile for their clients’ and provide ‘a very professional service’. The set is particularly well regarded for spinal and brain injury cases.”

**Robert Glancy QC** – “His understanding of highly complex and technical matters is second to none.”

**Stephen Killalea QC** – “He is fantastic with clients and will fight passionately on their behalf.”

**Robert Weir QC** – “The best PI silk in the country; he is immaculately prepared, astoundingly bright, and a fearsome opponent.”

**Bruce Silvester** – “Always approachable and well prepared.”

**Colin Mendoza** – “He is highly regarded for his success in the most difficult cases.”

**Peter Edwards** – “He has a good grasp of the technical issues, yet his advice is delivered in a way that is easily understood by clients.”

**Richard Cartwright** – “His attention to detail and thoroughness are a particular strength.”

**Stephen Cottrell** – “His manner with clients is superb, leaving the client in no doubt that their case is very important to him.”

**Robert Hunter** – “He is very professional and nothing is too much trouble.”

### Private Client: Personal Tax

Leading set – “Devereux has an expanding tax team and recently recruited a number of former Gray’s Inn Tax Chambers barristers including the highly regarded Felicity Cullen QC, Marika Lemos and Aparna Nathan.”

**Felicity Cullen QC** – “Her outstanding skill and reputation coupled with her clarity and charm are used to great effect in negotiations.”

**Aparna Nathan** – “Excellent with clients and practical in her outlook.”

**Akash Nawbatt** – “A fantastic litigator, who is very fluent, agile and persuasive.”

**Marika Lemos** – “Impressive breadth of knowledge on CGT and IHT matters, which is reflected in her helpful advice.”

### Professional Negligence

**Colin Edelman QC** – “He is astoundingly clever and presents complex issues in a palatable form.”

**Richard Harrison** – “Exceptional.”

**Alison Padfield** – “Very organised and well prepared.”

### Tax: Corporate

Leading set – “Devereux, recommended for the ‘great cooperation between members’. It now houses four tax silks following Jolyon Maugham QC’s recent appointment and the recruitment of Felicity Cullen QC (part of the group of barristers that arrived from Gray’s Inn Tax Chambers).”

**Timothy Brennan QC** – “A charismatic advocate who persuasively builds and delivers his cases.”

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

**Felicity Cullen QC** – “Very commercial and accessible, always willing to help, and charming to deal with.”

**Jolyon Maugham QC** – “Able to master complex facts very quickly and disseminate them in a practical fashion.”

**Barrie Akin** – “A cool and calm advocate with encyclopaedic knowledge of the law.”

**Aparna Nathan** – “Very eloquent and particularly good at handling offshore matters.”

**Akash Nawbatt** – “He allies serious commercial litigation skills with a real understanding of tax issues.”

### Tax: VAT

**Felicity Cullen QC** – “An exceptional ability to distil complex problems into clear advice.”

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