



Top tier Guernsey teams stand out in Legal 500 UK

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The strength of Ogier's team and unique approach to client service have marked us out for clients as Guernsey's leading legal practice in key sectors in the newly released Legal 500 directory.

Ogier is described as having 'the leading funds/corporate practice in Guernsey' and the top tier Corporate and M&A team as 'top notch' with the firm also highlighted as being 'second to none' and 'exceptionally talented' in Dispute Resolution.

Individuals in the Guernsey team have also acquired a new or raised ranking in the directory bringing the number of ranked lawyers in the Guernsey practice to 17, with a further eight noted as key lawyers.

Newly appointed partners Paul Chanter and Bryan de Verneuil-Smith, in the Banking and Finance and Dispute Resolution teams respectively, have both attained Next Generation Partner status and Senior Associate Charlotte Brown has also been recognised with a new Rising Star ranking for her work with the top tier Corporate and M&A team.

Bryan is praised for being 'both attentive to detail and capable of seeing the big picture. He is an excellent young advocate who no doubt will contribute to the growth of the firm.'

Paul joins partner Christopher Jones ranked as a Leading Individual, and key lawyers Oliver Richardson and Michaela Jesson on the Banking and Finance team, which is praised delivering 'reliable and insightful advice'.

The Corporate and M&A team, of which Charlotte is a key member working alongside Leading Individual Bryon Rees, Rising Star Diana Collas and Richard Doyle, is praised for 'working seamlessly with onshore counsel or alone. Top notch.'

Practice Partner Christopher Jones said: 'Our Guernsey team prides itself on the exceptional

client service that it provides and so it is really pleasing to see that a common thread throughout the client feedback is that the quality and approachability of our teams and the high level of individual knowledge and experience sets us apart from our competitors. As a practice we are also delighted for those who have acquired a new ranking.'

The top ranked Capital Markets team, which includes Christopher Jones, partner Bryon Rees and senior associate Michelle Watson Bunn.

Dispute Resolution in Guernsey, led by leading individual Mathew Newman, is recognised for the strength of its team which includes partner Simon Davies – who is ranked in the Hall of Fame, and key lawyers Alex Horsbrugh-Porter and Sandie Lyne. 'Ogier has a superb dispute resolution team which is always involved in the biggest cases. Their trust litigation offering is second to none and they have a group of exceptionally talented individuals. A pleasure to work with.'

Ogier's Commercial Property practice in Guernsey is led by Martyn Baudains, who is ranked in the Hall of Fame, assisted by Rising Stars Piers Dereham and Martin Casas, who, in a highly praised team, is singled out as 'exceptional'. 'In comparison to other legal practices, Ogier's team are unique as they make us feel like we are their only client with their immediate availability, retained knowledge of the case and proactive resolution options ... We consider [them] as an integral part of our team.'

Investment funds, led by Bryon Rees and Craig Cordle is noted as 'very well structured with depth of knowledge, strong leadership and efficiency of service' and partner Tim Clipstone as a strong leader with 'tremendous depth of knowledge.'

Rising Star Rachel DeSanges is head of Employment in Guernsey and is praised for her understanding of client needs within a 'knowledgeable team providing an efficient service.'

Guernsey's Private Wealth team of Gavin Ferguson and Alice Bricogne – ranked as Leading Individual and Rising Star respectively – and key managing associate Chris Hards are noted for their enthusiasm and approachability. Gavin and Alice are further described as 'go-to people in Guernsey. Sharp, to the point, responsive and fun to work with.'

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