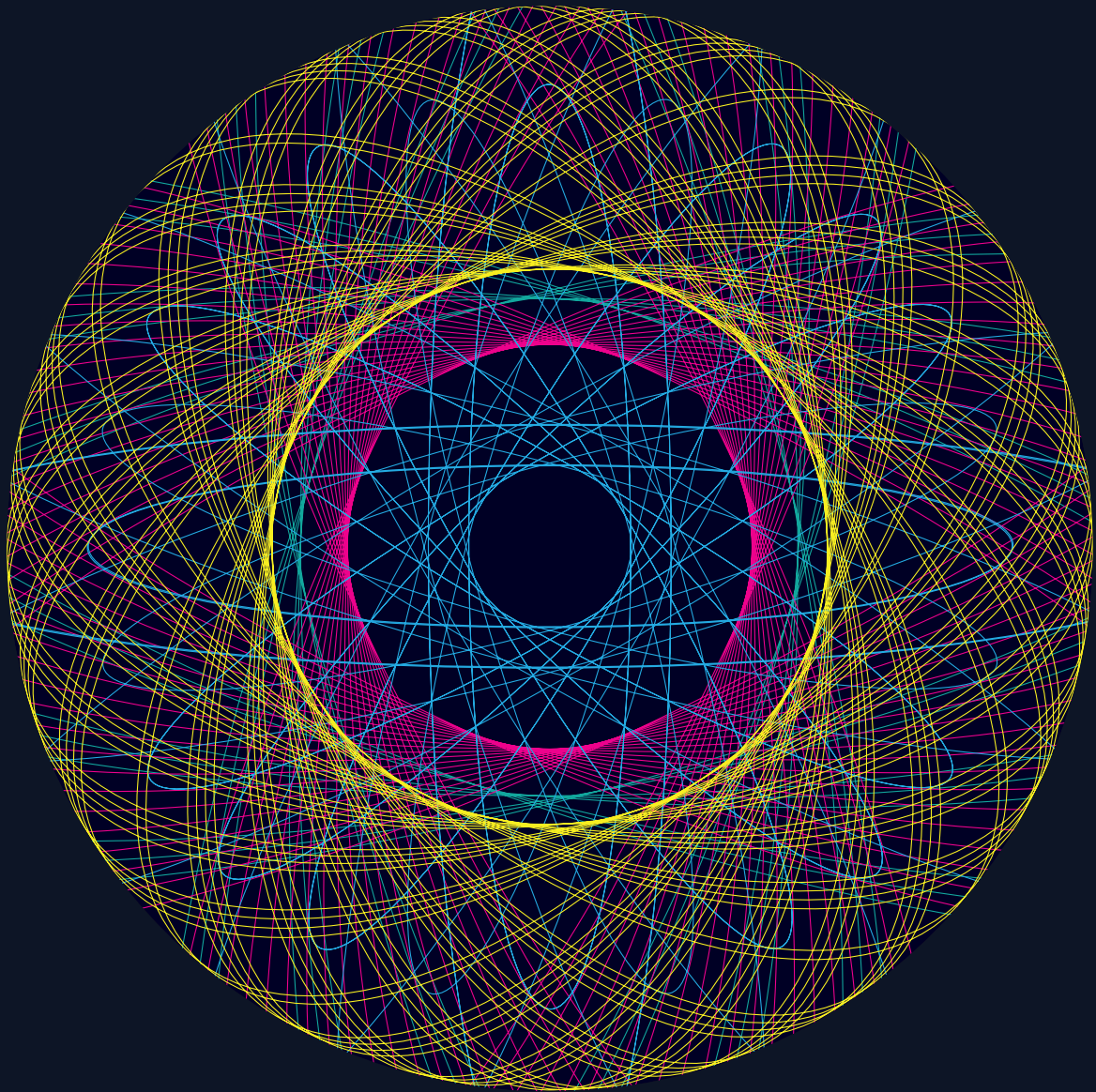


Legal services  
Trusts Advisory Group



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pragmatically  
and on client  
service."

Chambers High Net Worth Guide, 2025

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## Who we are

Our team's strength lies in the quality, depth and breadth of our lawyers' experience and expertise.

Ogier's Trusts Advisory Group, a team specialising in private client, dispute resolution and corporate law, draws together experts with substantial experience in Ogier's key private client locations.

Our Private Wealth team advises trustees, private banks, financial institutions, fiduciaries, family offices and high net worth clients and their advisers on the lifecycle of trusts from their establishment and regulatory considerations, to their administration and restructuring.

We have in-depth knowledge of trusts and foundations, enabling us to provide flexible and practical guidance on choosing the best structure and jurisdiction for any given client.

Our Dispute Resolution specialists have a strong track record in dealing with contentious issues. Ogier has acted successfully in many of the headline international trust and private client matters in recent years in BVI, Cayman, Guernsey and Jersey.

A differentiating factor of our Trusts Advisory Group is our embedded corporate support to corporate entities underlying trusts and foundations. All three teams work together to provide a seamless service for our clients.



Best Offshore Law Firm.  
WealthBriefing European Awards, 2026



Law Firm of the Year - Jersey.  
Citywealth IFC Awards, 2026



Best Offshore Law Firm - Client Service.  
HFM Asian Services Awards, 2025



Offshore Firm of the Year.  
Chambers Europe Awards, 2025



Law Firm of the Year.  
BVI Financial Services Awards, 2025



Contentious Trusts and Estates Team of the Year.  
STEP Private Client Awards, 2024

Matt Guthrie  
Partner  
Guernsey



Matthew is incredibly smart. He can unpick complex issues with ease. Chambers UK 2026



## What we do

Ogier's is the only private client legal team to be ranked in the top tier across the board by all leading independent directories.

From simple to more sophisticated structures and whether established for succession purposes, asset protection, tax efficiency, family governance or confidentiality, the team is focused on providing bespoke advice tailored to each client.

We advise trustees, settlors, beneficiaries, protectors and anyone else connected with trusts and foundations, who all benefit from our highly professional and sensitive approach.

Our team offers a seamless contentious and non-contentious advisory service which also includes corporate support to the structures underlying trusts.

### Services and areas covered include

- Trust drafting and establishment
- Trust advice
- Discretionary trusts
- Charitable and non-charitable purpose trusts
- Guernsey and Jersey reserved powers trusts
- Jersey private funds
- BVI VISTA trusts
- Cayman STAR trusts
- Guernsey and Jersey foundations
- Corporate advice to underlying structures
- Private trust companies (PTCs)

- Private trust foundations (PTFs)
- Employee incentives and employee benefit trusts
- Regulatory
- Family office
- Advising on resolving breaches of trust
- Court applications concerning trusts
- Trust disputes
- Estate planning
- Pensions

### Trusted by market leaders

Our Trusts Advisory Group receive referrals and instructions from some of the leading global players in this industry, including trust companies, private banks and specialist lawyers and accountants. We also act for many ultra-high-net-worth individuals and significant family offices across the globe, and we have significant expertise advising clients in the Middle East and East Asia.



Ogier has first rate technical expertise coupled with great client service.

Chambers HNW, 2025



Considered, strategic advice given that is easily digestible.


Legal 500 UK, 2025



Complexity is never a drama for Ogier. The team has seen it all.

Chambers HNW, 2025

Rachael Reynolds KC  
Global Senior Partner  
Cayman Islands

 Rachael Reynolds KC  
is almost certainly the  
premier trust litigator  
in the jurisdiction -  
Chambers Global, 2026





## Acting for members of the Qatari Royal Family on will dispute

We acted for members of the Qatari Royal Family regarding a challenge to the validity of the will of the late Sheikh Saoud Mohammed Al Thani. The BVI High Court found in favour of Ogier's clients (two members of the Qatari Royal Family), with The Honourable Justice Ellis recognising the validity of a will made orally before a Sharia court.

This decision is significant given the protection the precedent affords for other Middle Eastern private wealth structures involving BVI companies.

James Campbell  
Partner, Jersey



James Campbell is a brilliant lawyer who delivers excellent advice. Legal 500 UK, 2026



## Acting in one of the largest trust restructurings in Cayman

Ogier is acting for an institutional trustee, and working alongside the family office, in one of the largest trust restructurings in the Cayman Islands. It involves the restructuring of multiple trusts, with some requiring variation of trusts applications before the Grand Court in a mixture of Cayman charitable STAR trusts, and discretionary trusts.

The trusts were settled by an UHNW individual, now deceased. The case involved the first application in the Cayman Islands to reform a STAR trust and was the first to consider the *cy-près* doctrine in this context.

The application was successful in a court hearing in October 2020. The subsequent restructuring flowing from the court order is still occurring and now involves a complicated transfer of all the trust structures to two new service providers.

## Advising in relation to the transfer of a private bank's trust company business

Ogier has advised a global private bank in relation to the winding down of its business in Guernsey and the transfer of clients to its other offices. To enable the bank to meet its project goals effectively and efficiently, Ogier's cross-disciplinary team came up with innovative solutions for each of the private bank's clients.

The project included working closely with the bank's key stakeholders, as the Ogier team mapped out and carefully paired each client with the appropriate office.

As part of the process, members of Ogier's Trusts Advisory Group (including both the contentious and non-contentious lawyers) dealt with numerous problematic cases where regulatory and other legal concerns made transferring the structures difficult.

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