

## LONDON, REGIONAL AND SCOTTISH BAR EDITORIAL SUBMISSION REQUEST

We will soon be starting research for the 2018 edition of *The Legal 500 UK*, and invite you to provide us with editorial submissions along the attached guidelines.

Editorial submissions and referee spreadsheets for the Bar sections should reach us no later than **Friday 2 March 2018**.

If you have any queries, please email the address below, although you may first wish to check the FAQs at:

**[legal500.com/assets/pages/about-us/get-involved.html](http://legal500.com/assets/pages/about-us/get-involved.html)**.

Yours sincerely



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## Submissions by practice area

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The editorial of *The Legal 500 UK* is structured by practice area. Within each practice area, there is a list of leading sets. We also rank Queen's Counsel and junior barristers in separate tables.

Please note that we do not currently publish a pro forma submission. If you would like to see an example submission, please email John van der Luit-Drummond at [editorial@legal500.com](mailto:editorial@legal500.com).

Submissions for each practice area should include the following information in order:

- 1) Feedback on the 2017 edition
- 2) Practice area overview
- 3) List of barristers (currently recommended, followed by those seeking a recommendation)
- 4) Information on individual barristers
- 5) Contact details

Detailed submission guidelines and the full list of practice areas follow (pages 5 to 11).

**New silks:** We list all new silks on appointment, by practice area. Our editorial policy is that new silks should not be considered for entry into the rankings of leading silks for 12 months following their appointment, other than in exceptional circumstances.

## References

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Please provide, in a separate spreadsheet, details of referees whom we can contact for feedback. See page 7 for details.

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### Confidentiality

All information provided to us may be published by all The Legal 500 and Legalease Ltd products, unless it is marked as confidential. Please identify clearly any confidential information – whether client names, deal or case values, or other details – by marking that information **CONFIDENTIAL**, in bold red and upper case. *Please use red typeface for all of the confidential information.*

Please avoid putting global confidentiality restrictions at the front of submissions. Please also try to be as clear as possible about what exactly is confidential; is it the case as a whole, the name of the client, or the issue/value at stake?

### Sending editorial submissions and client spreadsheets

#### Sending submissions

- Each submission, for each individual practice area, should be emailed separately, to **editorial@legal500.com**
- Please mark the subject line as follows:

London Bar:

**UK/London Bar/[Practice Area]/[Chambers name]**  
eg **UK/London Bar/Commercial litigation/Fountain Court**

Regional Bar:

**UK/Regional Bar/[Circuit]/[Practice Area]/[Chambers name]**  
eg **UK/Regional Bar/Northern Circuit/Crime/Deans Court Chambers**

Scottish Bar:

**UK/Scottish Bar/[Practice Area]/[Stable or set name]**  
eg **UK/Scottish Bar/Tax, trusts and pensions/Terra Firma Chambers**

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- Please send submissions as they are completed; you do not have to send all your submissions at the same time
- Please do not send any hard copy submissions

### **Sending referee spreadsheets**

- All referee spreadsheets should be emailed to **editorial@legal500.com**
- Please email referee spreadsheets separately from the submission to which they relate
- If a spreadsheet relates only to one individual practice area, please mark the subject line as follows:

**UK/London Bar/[Practice area]/[Chambers name]**

or

**UK/Regional Bar/[Circuit]/[Practice area]/[Chambers name]**

or

**UK/Scottish Bar/[Practice area]/[Stable or set name]**

- For spreadsheets relating to more than one (or all) practice areas, please mark the subject line as follows:

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## Detailed submission guidelines

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For each individual practice area, please provide the following:

### Feedback on the 2017 edition

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Chambers' feedback on the market as a whole is important. Please include a brief section in your submission indicating whether you agree with the editorial and rankings of the current edition.

This is the starting point for the research, so you are encouraged to provide feedback, including advising as to suggested rankings for the 2018 edition. (Please bear in mind that sets and individuals are ranked alphabetically within tiers.)

### Practice area overview

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Please supply a brief practice overview dealing with the key achievements of the set within each practice area over the last 12 months. The overview should indicate the number of barristers who belong to the practice group, or practise in this area, the individual in chambers who leads the practice group, and the clerk most closely associated with its management. Our aim is to assess the collective strength of chambers in each practice area as a whole.

The overview should also reflect, for example, standout cases in which more than one barrister within the set has been instructed, including any teams of barristers which have been deployed on a particular case. In particular, we are interested in cases in which members of chambers have been instructed on both sides, or for multiple defendants, including both as leaders and juniors.

Annexes: if chambers maintains an office off-circuit, then a separate submission for the circuit in which the office is based should be made, including all those members who are resident or spend a substantial proportion of time working from that office.

Please do not send us copies of the chambers' website, CVs (unless as indicated) or brochures, or repeat this information in the submission.

### Individual barristers

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This subsection should list individual barristers in the practice area group, who are currently ranked, or who you feel deserve ranking,

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whether silks or juniors. It should include their call year and, if applicable, their silk year; an introduction to their practice; and mention of five matters per barrister which illustrate the nature and calibre of their practice. Matters should be cases of legal significance (including ongoing or appellate appearances) and/or of factual complexity, high public profile, or commercial importance, or an example of service quality.

Cases should ideally fall between **1 January 2017** and **31 December 2017**, as the focus of the research is on recent work. If, however, you think older work is significant – or would help us better to understand the nature of a practice – then please do mention it and explain why it is of interest. Chambers are warned against overloading the submission with details unlikely to assist researchers.

Please mention if the case involved other leading or junior counsel, as well as the names and chambers of any opposing counsel, and details of any pending appeal. Cases or arbitrations which ultimately resulted in settlement can be mentioned subject to the requirements of client confidentiality. Positive judicial comment as to counsel's assistance (as reported) is also useful.

**New entries:** If there are silks or juniors who you believe should be included in the 2018 edition but are not included in the current edition, please let us know, setting out the case for their inclusion, subject to our policy on new silks above. You should specifically indicate why you believe the individual should be included and supply referees, together with an indication of any work done against their peers who have been previously ranked in *The Legal 500 UK*.

If a barrister's practice has changed in nature and their current ranking is no longer appropriate, please indicate this and the area to which their ranking should now apply, if any.

#### Contact details

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Please provide contact details for the person we should contact if we need to follow up on the submission, ie contact name, position, email address and telephone number.

For frequently asked questions about submissions, please see: [legal500.com/assets/pages/about-us/get-involved.html](http://legal500.com/assets/pages/about-us/get-involved.html).

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Please provide details of referees whom we can contact for feedback. As a guide, you should include details of five referees per barrister per practice area, but you may send more if felt appropriate, there is no limit.

Referees should have instructed counsel on the above matters, or, in the case of junior barristers, have worked closely with them within the last two years, ie have led them in court. Greater weight will be given to work carried out recently than to historic cases, and to the views of instructing solicitors and direct clients. You are asked to specify the category into which each referee falls (Instructing solicitor; or Other), to enable us to tailor our reference requests appropriately.

Details of referees must be provided in a separate document, as a spreadsheet in the prescribed format. The templates can be found at [legal500.com/assets/pages/about-us/get-involved.html](http://legal500.com/assets/pages/about-us/get-involved.html).

For detailed notes about how to complete a referee spreadsheet, see the 'Bar referees explained' document, at [legal500.com/assets/pages/about-us/get-involved.html](http://legal500.com/assets/pages/about-us/get-involved.html).

A sample spreadsheet is also available, on the same page.

To clarify how the referee spreadsheets are used, referees will be contacted by email shortly after the start of the research period, asking them for feedback in relation to the barrister in question. They will also receive an email upon publication of *The Legal 500 UK* in October 2018, stating that the results of the research are available to view, free of charge. Referees will **not** be put on any marketing lists.

The Legal 500 series contacted close to 30,000 referees for the UK Bar research alone in 2017. To ensure referees are not repeatedly contacted, it takes time to process and deduplicate the spreadsheets. The referee deadline must be adhered to. We cannot guarantee to contact referees in spreadsheets delivered late.

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- Administrative and public law (including local government)\*
- Aviation
- Banking and finance (including consumer credit)
- Business and regulatory crime (including global investigations)
- Charities
- Children law (including public and private law)
- Civil liberties and human rights (including actions against the police)
- Clinical negligence
- Commercial litigation
- Commodities
- Company and partnership\*
- Competition
- Construction
- Consumer\*
- Costs
- Court of Protection and community care
- Crime
- Defamation and privacy
- EU law
- Education
- Employment
- Energy
- Environment
- Family (including divorce and financial remedy)
- Financial services regulation
- Fraud: civil
- Fraud: crime
- Health and safety
- IT and telecoms (including data protection)\*
- Immigration (including business immigration)
- Inquests and inquiries
- Insolvency
- Insurance and reinsurance
- Intellectual property
- International arbitration: arbitrators
- International arbitration: counsel
- International crime and extradition
- Licensing

### FOOTNOTES

The **Administrative and public law** section includes claimant and defendant local government work, as well as actions undertaken by local government against central government

**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), (b) Telecoms (regulatory), and (c) Data protection. There will be combined editorial. Chambers are invited to submit for one, two or all three areas, as they feel appropriate

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- Media and entertainment (including art and cultural property)\*
- Offshore
- Pensions
- Personal injury, industrial disease and insurance fraud\*
- Planning
- Police law (defendant)
- Private client: personal tax
- Private client: trusts and probate
- Proceeds of Crime Act and asset forfeiture
- Product liability
- Professional disciplinary and regulatory law
- Professional negligence
- Property litigation and agriculture\*
- Public international law
- Public procurement
- Shipping
- Social housing
- Sport
- Tax: corporate and VAT/indirect tax **(renamed)\***
- Travel law (including jurisdictional issues)

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

**Tax: corporate and VAT** 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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Regional Bar

**Midland Circuit**

- Commercial, banking, insolvency and Chancery law
- Construction, planning and environment
- Costs
- Court of Protection and community care
- Crime
- Employment
- Family and children law
- Inquests and inquiries
- Personal injury and clinical negligence
- Property
- Public law
- Regulatory, health and safety, and licensing

**Northern Circuit**

- Commercial, banking, insolvency and Chancery law
- Construction, planning and environment
- Costs
- Court of Protection and community care
- Crime
- Employment
- Family and children law
- Inquests and inquiries
- Personal injury and clinical negligence
- Property
- Public law
- Regulatory, health and safety, and licensing

**North Eastern Circuit**

- Commercial, banking, insolvency and Chancery law
- Construction, planning and environment
- Costs
- Court of Protection and community care
- Crime

- Employment
- Family and children law
- Inquests and inquiries
- Personal injury and clinical negligence
- Property
- Public law
- Regulatory, health and safety, and licensing

**South Eastern Circuit**

- Commercial, banking, insolvency and Chancery law
- Construction, planning and environment
- Costs
- Court of Protection and community care
- Crime
- Employment
- Family and children law
- Inquests and inquiries
- Personal injury and clinical negligence
- Property
- Public law
- Regulatory, health and safety, and licensing

**Wales and Chester Circuit**

- Commercial, banking, insolvency and Chancery law
- Construction, planning and environment
- Costs
- Court of Protection and community care
- Crime
- Employment
- Family and children law
- Inquests and inquiries
- Personal injury and clinical negligence
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## Regional Bar

### Western Circuit

- Commercial, banking, insolvency and Chancery law
- Construction, planning and environment
- Costs
- Court of Protection and community care
- Crime
- Employment
- Family and children law
- Inquests and inquiries
- Personal injury and clinical negligence
- Property
- Public law
- Regulatory, health and safety, and licensing

## Scottish Bar

- Civil liberties, human rights, public inquiries, and public and administrative law (including local government)
- Commercial litigation
- Company and insolvency
- Crime
- Employment
- Family and childcare
- Health and safety, and regulatory
- Intellectual property, information technology and media
- Personal injury and clinical negligence
- Planning, environmental and licensing
- Professional negligence
- Property, construction and agriculture
- Tax, trusts and pensions