



"First-class firm" Ogier goes from strength to strength in new Chambers UK guide

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Following a sweep of top-tier rankings in the recent Legal 500 UK guide, Ogier's teams in the Channel Islands continue to strengthen their competitive position in the new Chambers UK guide, with the firm's Corporate and Finance, Dispute Resolution, Employment, and Property and Trusts teams in Jersey retaining their top tier rankings, and 32 individuals ranked across the two offices.

Jersey practice partner Raulin Amy said: "This is another strong showing for Ogier, and demonstrates the impact of putting our clients at the heart of everything we do. It's particularly pleasing to see the growing number of individual rankings, providing well-deserved recognition of our people and the quality of the service they provide."

Guernsey practice partner Christopher Jones said: "Our focus as a firm is to support and empower our people to be extraordinary, and these results are another testament to how our people are rising to that challenge."

The **Corporate and Banking and Finance** teams in Jersey are described as "fluent in the commercial reality of serving clients" and "first class... they are responsive, personable and most importantly very accessible. They also operate with a great deal of integrity", with seven ranked partners, including team head Katrina Edge, described as "at the top of her game", Raulin Amy, Richard Daggett, Simon Dinning, who a client singled out as "excellent... a strong technical lawyer who is very commercial", Simon Felton, described as "an absolute pleasure to work with", Bruce MacNeil, described as "very smart, always in the details and very hands-on. With him it's all about the client", and Matthew Shaxson.

The Jersey **Dispute Resolution** team "inspires confidence and commands respect from opponents and judges alike". Global managing partner Edward Mackereth is ranked as an eminent practitioner who "sets the standard". Also ranked are jurisdictional team head Nick Williams, Damian Evans, described as "impressive - steady, sensible and measured", and associate James Angus, described as "right on top of all the detail".

One client "cannot praise highly enough" the work of Ogier's Jersey **Employment** team with band one practitioner and team head Helen Ruelle described as a "solid and experienced employment lawyer", while Will Austin-Vautier is ranked as an associate to watch and described as "very helpful, professional, knowledgeable, and always available".

The Jersey **Private Wealth** team is described in client feedback as "the best on the island" and "excellent, reliable and trusted". Band one ranked partner and team head James Campbell is "one of the thought leaders in trust law", while ranked lawyer Katherine Neal "stands out. She is very driven, very friendly and very passionate about what she does."

The 20-strong **Commercial Property, Planning and Construction** team in Jersey remains in a league of its own and is also described by a client as "the best on the island". Band one practitioner and team head Jonathan Hughes is "very pragmatic, very responsive", and also ranked are Katharine Marshall, described as "responsive and proactive", Chris Renouf and Sarah Parish.

The Jersey **Investment Funds** team is praised as "highly experienced and personable", with one client saying "we know they will have a solution to any issue we raise." Jurisdictional team head Niamh Lalor and Emily Haithwaite are both ranked in band one. Niamh is described as "a fantastic person to work with" while associate to watch Alexandra O'Grady is praised for her ability to "analyse complicated regulatory issues in a commercial and straightforward way."

In Guernsey, the **Corporate, Finance and Investment Funds** teams are praised for their "quick turnarounds," with ranked partner Christopher Jones noted for his expertise and partner Bryon Rees for his "great personal skills".

"They are very user-friendly, pragmatic and will give advice that gets the appropriate outcome without over-engineering," is how client feedback describes the Guernsey **Dispute Resolution** team. Ranked partner Simon Davies is "an enormously respected figure in the Guernsey Bar," while partner Mathew Newman, also ranked, is described as "one of the few standout insolvency litigation lawyers in Guernsey."

The **Property** team in Guernsey adds "commercial and legal value" to commercial property decisions and is "very proactive, the response time is impressive and the team have a can-do attitude no matter how busy they are." Ranked as a notable practitioner, feedback says partner Martyn Baudains is "always reachable, approachable and very straightforward to deal with," with an unrivalled knowledge of Guernsey property law.

From the "commercial" and "technical" **Private Wealth** team, Catherine Moore is ranked as up and coming, "very good technically, practical, responsive and likeable." Also ranked, managing associate Chris Hards is praised for his pragmatism, partner Gavin Ferguson is "extremely strong technically," while Matt Guthrie "is a real star" who "understands what we are trying to achieve and what we need in order to get there."

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