

## Recommendations & Awards

4 Paper Buildings is consistently ranked as a leading family set of barristers' chambers, with currently 30 members recommended in the legal directories as leaders in all areas of family law. Chambers and its members are regularly nominated and win awards for excellence in providing legal services.



## What the Legal Directories Say

"A clear example of how excellence breeds excellence. I know I will find the right expert counsel there for all types of children law cases, be they care, abduction, medically complex, or international in nature." It offers market-leading depth and expertise in all aspects of children law, and also commendable experience in financial matters. Members have acted in some of the most high-profile children matters including the recent Supreme Court case of Re LC.

Client service: "The clerking is second to none. I know that I can call any of the clerks there, describe the case and they will find the perfect match. Fees are never an issue and they go out of their way to help. Nothing is too much trouble." Michael Reeves heads the team.

### Chambers & Partners 2016

4 Paper Buildings is 'a fantastic set for cross-border children work, both public law and private law – you know you are in safe hands when you send a case there'. Alex Verdan QC was involved in major child relocation cases involving the Middle East in 2014, and other members acted in the Re LC Supreme Court child abduction case.

'A fantastic set with brilliant barristers at all levels', 4 Paper Buildings is well placed to serve international family finance clients. Clerks Michael Reeves and Paul Hennessey 'provide a brilliant service'.

### Legal 500 2015

4 Paper Buildings is a renowned set of chambers dealing with the most complex children law proceedings. Both private and public law matters are accounted for, and members are expert in everything from paternity disputes to international abduction, parental authority, and serious injury to children cases.

Members of the public, local authorities and solicitors all beat a path to its door in order to avail themselves of the superior representation on offer here.

The set also has four experienced silks and a number of juniors who handle financial work. They have been involved in leading recent cases, including *Young v Young*.

Client service: Led by Michael Reeves, "the clerks are immensely helpful. They are realistic and honest and always try to do what they can."

#### **Chambers & Partners 2015**

4 Paper Buildings is 'the leading children law set', providing a 'first-rate service', and 'an exceptional group of experienced, thoughtful and intelligent barristers'. It has expertise in domestic and international children disputes, and well as public and private law. In 2013, members represented parties involved in three major children law decisions in the Supreme Court, including the first appeal to the Supreme Court in a Hague Convention case.

4 Paper Buildings has 'a deserved reputation' for containing an 'exceptional group of experienced, thoughtful and intelligent barristers'.

4 Paper Buildings is 'one of the best family law sets', and one of the few chambers in London that has real strength in depth in children law as well as family finance work. It is also adept at handling cases with an international dimension, and Court of Protection work, meaning 'there is a good barrister available for all types of family disputes'. The 'polite and efficient' clerks' room 'always provides a very good service'. Senior clerk Michael Reeves and first junior clerk Paul Hennessy are often singled out.

#### **Legal 500 2014**

This set houses a wealth of talent and has firmly established itself as a leading set for family law. Complex public and private children disputes are areas in which it particularly excels, and it enjoys a fine track record for cases concerning child abduction, child protection and international relocation. In addition, 4 Paper Buildings is also routinely sought after to handle high-value matrimonial disputes. Solicitors say of the barristers here that they are "very innovative in their approach and very holistic in their advice."

The clerking team, under senior clerk Michael Reeves, receives ample praise from the market, with one source commenting: "They have the best clerks in the business - their clerking is head and shoulders above the rest."

#### **Chambers & Partners 2014**

4 Paper Buildings has 'unmatched' strength in children law, and combines 'first-class barristers' with clerks who are 'among the best'. 4 Paper Buildings fields 'a large team of barristers who cover heavyweight financial cases'.

#### **Legal 500 2013**

4 Paper Buildings has been further consolidating its position as one of the go-to chambers for family law, adding a number of tenants to fortify its offering in children law and matrimonial finance. It is in the children law sphere that the set is most highly regarded, with one solicitor capturing the general mood by commenting that it has "the absolute cream of children law barristers in London." Its barristers are proficient in cases concerning public and private law, child abduction and international relocation. The set also has a respected money team, offering expertise in the most complex and high-value disputes.

#### **Chambers & Partners 2013**

This expanding set houses "the best children lawyers in London," who are regularly instructed to handle the most complex public and private children law matters around. It also receives praise for its ability to handle high net worth ancillary relief, and for the high level of client service it offers across the board. Its excellent clerking team is applauded for always providing a "great service even with difficult timeframes." One observer notes: "I think 4 Paper Buildings must rank highest as the most experienced, specialist international children set of chambers in the country, if not the world." Peter Jackson QC's recent appointment to the High Court Bench is testimony of the set's high quality and reputation.

#### **Chambers & Partners 2012**

4 Paper Buildings is 'the first port of call for any public, private or international Children Act case in the UK'.

#### **Legal 500 2012**

This set is a first port of call for highly complex, public and private children disputes. "Simply the best in the business for children work," it is blessed in housing many of the biggest names in the field. It adds further lustre to its reputation through the fact that it also boasts considerable expertise in high net worth matrimonial finance disputes.

#### **Chambers UK 2011**

4 Paper Buildings has an 'unrivalled collection of senior and junior barristers in the field'. 'Predominantly known for its children work, but also has some 'really excellent people for matrimonial finance cases'

#### **Legal 500 2011**

This dedicated family set has expanded rapidly in recent years and now has a large number of the leading players in the field.

#### **Chambers UK 2010**

At 4 Paper Buildings, Head of Chambers Jonathan Cohen QC has 'developed a really strong team across the board'. 'There is now a large number of specialist family lawyers who provide a real in-depth service on all family matters.' The 'excellent' 4 Paper Buildings 'clerks are very helpful' and endeavour to solve problems, offering quality alternatives if the chosen counsel is not available.'

### **Legal 500 2010**

4 Paper Buildings covers a broad spectrum of civil and family matters. On the family front it is best known for its children-related work, although its reputation does extend to matrimonial finance as well.

### **Chambers UK 2009**

## **Awards**

The Legal 500 Family Law Set of the Year 2014

Chambers & Partners 2014 Awards

- Judith Murray - Family Junior of the Year

Jordan's Family Law Awards 2013

- Family Chambers of the Year
- Jo Delahunty QC - Family Silk of the Year
- Hassan Khan - Family Junior of the Year

Chambers & Partners Awards 2012

- Alex Verdán QC - Family Silk of the Year

Jordans Family Law Awards 2012

- Charles Hale - Junior of the Year
- Michael Gratton - Young Barrister of the year

Jordans Family Law Awards 2011

- Winner of Family Law Set of the Year
- Teertha Gupta - Winner of Family Barrister of the Year

Chambers & Partners Awards 2011

- David Williams - Family Law Barrister of the Year

Chambers & Partners Awards 2009

- Family Set of the Year

## **Nominations**

Chambers & Partners

- Michael Gratton - Family Law Junior of the Year

Jordans Family Law Awards

- Family Law Set of the Year
- Alex Verdán QC - Family Law Silk of the Year
- Sam King - Family Law Junior Barrister of the Year

Legal 500 2015

- Family Law Chambers of the Year

Legal 500 2014

- Family Law Chambers of the Year
- Alex Verdun QC - Family Silk of the Year
- Marcus Scott-Manderson QC - Family Silk of the Year
- Jo Delahunty QC - Family Silk of the Year

#### Chambers and Partners 2014

- Family Law Chambers of the Year
- Judith Murray - Family Law Junior of the Year

#### Jordans Family Law Awards

- Henry Setright QC - Family Law Silk of the Year
- Michael Edwards - Young Family Barrister of the Year

#### Pro Bono Awards 2013

- Christopher Hames - Sydney Ellan Goldsmith Bar Pro Bono Award

#### Chambers & Partners 2013

- Family Set of the Year
- Jo Delahunty QC - Family Silk of the Year

#### Jordans Family Law Awards 2013

- Chambers of the Year
- Jo Delahunty QC - Family Silk of the Year
- Alison Grief - Family Junior of the Year
- Hassan Khan - Family Junior of the Year
- Andrew Powell - Young Family barrister of the Year
- David Williams QC - International Family Lawyer of the Year
- Jacqueline Renton - Legal Commentator of the Year

#### Chambers and Partners Awards 2012

- Family Set of the Year
- Alex Verdun QC - Family Silk of the Year
- Justine Johnston - Family Junior of the Year

#### Bar Pro Bono Awards 2012

- Jane Rayson
- Maeve O'Rourke

#### Jordans Family Law Awards 2012

Barristers shortlisted for awards:

- Henry Setright QC - Family Queens Counsel
- Charles Hale - Family Junior
- Michael Gration - Family Young Barrister
- Jacqueline Renton - Family Young Barrister

#### Legal Aid Lawyer Awards

- Justin Ageros nominated for Legal Aid Lawyer of the Year 2011