

Collas Crill achieves strong rankings in Legal 500 UK

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Collas Crill's Guernsey and Jersey teams have received another strong set of rankings in this year's Legal 500 UK directory.

The firm is consistently listed in Tier 1 or 2 across its key practice areas and has received a plethora of industry endorsements on the expertise, commerciality and customer-first approach of its teams.

The directory highlights Collas Crill's deep expertise in real estate, financial services and regulatory, private client work and dispute resolution. 24 of the firm's lawyers feature in Legal 500's individual categories including Leading Individual, Next Gen Partner, Rising Star and the coveted Hall of Fame which showcases those 'at the pinnacle of the profession.'

Group Managing Partner Jason Romer said: 'It has been an absolute pleasure reading through the client feedback in our Legal 500 UK listing this year. These testimonials are reflective of the time, care and passion our lawyers put into their work and they very much chime with our values – being easy to do business with, delivering bold, thoughtful advice and having a clear passion for what we do.

'Above all, the comments demonstrate our focus on building trusted, long-term relationships with our clients. We aim to be an integral part of their team and are at their side every step of the way – it's great to see this come through loud and clear in the feedback.'

See below an overview of the firm's rankings and a selection of the testimonials received.

To view Collas Crill's full Guernsey rankings, click here. For the firm's Jersey rankings, click here.

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Dispute Resolution, Tier 2 (Guernsey and Jersey)

'The breadth and depth of this team is quite astonishing. They have an excellent knowledge base, superb client management skills and are my go-to for offshore sanctions-related work.'

'Proactive and very much integrated as part of a wider team. Very much more than a postbox and involved in all strategic decisions in a significant case. Reliable and available.'

'Collas Crill is an excellent Guernsey law firm who, with their collaborative approach, are easy and a pleasure to work with. They seem to have good knowledge and coverage in specialist areas. In my case, a dispute with very difficult and well known devious characters, they have quickly understood all the complex issues.'

'My experience with law firms (other than Collas Crill) is that they operate on "auto-pilot" and do not think through the issues with vigour. Quite often, my experience with other law firms is that they forget details and sometimes miss big issues. Collas Crill diligently and thoroughly think about the issues concerning what is best for the client and then create a strategy to execute. They put the client first rather than themselves, in my opinion.'

Regulatory Real estate Private client and trusts Insolvency and restructuring Dispute resolution Corporate Banking and finance

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'Collas Crill is known for its deep understanding of Jersey law and its ability to provide clients with tailored, practical advice that takes into account the local legal and business landscape. The firm has a strong reputation for its expertise in a range of practice areas, and they are highly respected by their peers and clients alike.'

Christian Hay, Damian James, Nuno Santos-Costa – Hall of Fame; Michael Adkins - Leading Individual; Ben Havard, Simon Hurry, Nin Ritchie, James Tee, Sam Williams – Next Generation Partners; Lynne Calder – Rising Star

Property team, Tier 1 (Guernsey and Jersey)

'Experienced team – fantastic local market knowledge – second to none in the commercial arena, with a good mix of skills and disciplines. Connected to the marketplace and individuals/firms that operate in the same. Embrace the sharing of sector knowledge with clients and associated professional contacts and encourage debate of factors and concerns affecting the sector.'

'Excellent service. Response times are always appropriate to the situation, and industry knowledge and commercial awareness are excellent.'

'We find that the overall service at Collas Crill is first class. They display very strong knowledge of Jersey property law and are very responsive, producing quality work.'

Collas Crill has an excellent knowledge of the Guernsey property market, they are the only property lawyers that we use in Guernsey.'

'Professional but caring firm, very personable, and the knowledge and experience of their property department in particular is second to none.'

Pamela Doherty, Jason Green, Martin Le Boutillier, Paul Nettleship - Leading Individuals

International Private Client and Trusts team, Tier 2 (Guernsey and Jersey)

'Serious in-depth knowledge, clear thinking, innovative.'

'The team is excellent, offering very responsive, commercial and accurate advice with great client skills and attention. Well integrated into the firm's litigation offering and so giving a seamless, comprehensive service.'

'Collas Crill make lives easier by being easy to work with. Their process is thorough yet not painful. The partners on the team are knowledgeable, engaging and always willing to take a call to explain something in practical terms and provide support. A professional outfit who are a pleasure to work with.'

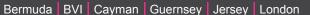
'Collas Crill is our go-to team when we need Guernsey trust advice. We have recently been carrying out some complex family governance structuring, which involves not just trusts, but also foundations, bespoke drafting of companies articles of association and shareholder agreements. We have worked with them for a number of years, they are responsive and their advice is always constructive.'

'Collas Crill's approach instils confidence in their technical expertise, and their quick response times, open approach and plain English communication style contribute to a reassuring experience.'

Angela Calnan, Kellyann Ozouf - Leading Individuals

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'We consider Collas Crill a business partner rather just a law firm, always going out of its way to advise on deal structuring and adding value where possible. Unlike its competitors, Collas Crill provides very straightforward, practical and commercial advice and is often very proactive. The enthusiastic team is always ready and willing to help and it is apparent that there is a real collegiate and team approach to jobs.'

'The Collas Crill banking and finance team have been exceptional is supporting my UK practice in the real estate finance space. They are knowledgeable, efficient, value for money, accessible and, above all, an absolute pleasure to work with. The personal touch is one of their key strengths – always available for quick, clear advice under pressure.'

'The Collas Crill team is excellent. They have great knowledge of complex issues and are always willing to go the extra mile. I have had nothing but great experiences with them. I rate them especially for their partner availability, expert knowledge and eye for detail.'

'Great people to work with. Very strong and pragmatic in relation to their involvement on our financing matters – we feel that we are working with our offshore counsel as part of a team (which is why we keep working with them).'

'The whole team at Collas Crill is incredibly friendly and efficient. They are always on hand to answer any questions and are very down to earth and personable. They also are complemented by a strong skillset and knowledge which makes them our trusted service provider.'

Paul Wilkes – Hall of Fame; Wayne Atkinson, Matthew Gilley, Simon Heggs, Ben Le Page, Gareth Morgan, Sam Sturrock – Next Generation Partners; Alexander Price – Rising Star

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