

Chambers UK Ranks 6 Haynes Boone Lawyers and 2 Practices in 2025 Directory

October 18, 2024 William Cecil, Andreas Silcher, Melanie Willems, Simon Curtis

PRACTICES Fund Finance, Shipping, International Arbitration

The new 2025 *Chambers UK* directory highlights the growth and strength of Haynes Boone's London office, with the firm improving its band rankings across practice areas.

Chambers UK ranked two firm practice groups:

- [Banking & Finance: Fund Finance](#) (London) – Band 2
- [Shipping](#) (UK-wide) – Band 2 (Up from Band 3 last year)

The directory also recognized six lawyers: Partners [William Cecil](#), [Emily Fuller](#), Emma Russell, [Andreas Silcher](#), [Melanie Willems](#) and Senior Counsel [Simon Curtis](#).

Silcher has moved up in ranking from “Band 5” to “Band 4,” and Fuller has moved up from “Up and Coming” to “Band 3.”

Chambers shared the following comments from clients regarding the ranked practice groups and lawyers:

- Banking & Finance: Fund Finance – “They are able to deliver complex transactions to a high standard, even in adverse circumstances.”
- Shipping – “They give precise and to-the-point advice. They have a very good commercial skill and knowledge which enables them to get straight to the point and not waste time.”
- Cecil – “He is trusted, pragmatic and offers good advice. I will recommend him to anyone in this space.”
- Fuller – “She is wise beyond her years in the fund finance space and so well-connected in the market that there's very little she hasn't come across before.”
- Russell – “Emma is an excellent partner, who has been in industry for years.”
- Silcher – “Andreas is a brilliant lawyer. He is client-focused, experienced and commercially minded.”
- Willems – “Melanie has a wealth of knowledge, unmatched perseverance and determination. She is very good at encouraging a large team of lawyers to work in tandem to achieve a symphony of her strategic orchestra.”
- Curtis – “He is very experienced and knowledgeable.”

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