



The Legal 500 UK 2021: Payne Hicks Beach ranked Tier 1 Leading Firm

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Payne Hicks Beach is proud that the firm continues with its ranking as a Top Tier Firm in Family and sees the firm recognised as a Leading Firm in 17 other practice areas, together with 25 lawyers featuring as Leading Individuals, Next Generation Partners and Rising Stars and 41 lawyers ranked as Recommended Lawyers.

The Legal 500 is an independent guide and firms and individuals are recommended purely on merit.

Some editorial quotes include:

'The PHB team with Baroness Shackleton has the ability to secure and retain work from the most high-profile clients. The lawyers are able to offer clients not only the highest level of legal services but also a very down-to-earth sense of being cared for and in good hands. Not many others manage this in the same way. There is strong focus on team work so that whilst a number of individuals may be engaged in a case, there is a real sense of unity'

'Payne Hicks Beach offers a bespoke and tailored service which is designed to meet the specific needs of the clients. It is an understated practice offering excellent service and advice. The lawyers have the utmost respect for their clients and seek to provide the service that the individual client needs and requires'

'There is strength in depth across a range of disciplines. The lawyers are able to advise and deal with all aspects of landed estate work, incorporating private client, trust, agricultural, commercial, tax and property work streams. Their experience and understanding of the interplay of these elements, combined with strong individual skills, instils confidence in the advice. They perform well on the transactional elements too'

'The firm is rooted in private client and family work, which gives the contentious trusts and probate teams a depth and quality that is hard to replicate'

'A superb team dealing with complex trusts matters and with an unparalleled reputation in this area'

'Diligence, attention to detail, commercial awareness, personal chemistry and client service are excellent'

'The team is discreet – the lawyers waste no breath blowing their own trumpet, focusing instead on providing a gold-standard service to their worldwide client base. From the intricacies of tax to the interweaving of international structures, the lawyers sail effortlessly over the choppiest waters'

'PHB is at the top of my list of go-to London firms. The lawyers are very capable, have a great bedside manner and resolve both complex and straightforward matters efficiently'

'One of the, if not the, leading private client firms in the country, with an immense history. Hugely capable practitioners and exceptionally delightful people to work with'

'The litigation team is 100% focused on obtaining the best result for us. They always have an excellent grasp of all the facts of a case and provide us with first class legal advice. They are the firm to turn to when we have a difficult legal problem'

'The firm has a track record of being involved in high-quality, high-profile cases. They punch above their weight in terms of the cases they are able to attract'

'A firm with weight, and a proven record, in the art and cultural property sector over a long period. The lawyers are consummate professionals'

'The firm always act 100% professionally, with absolute integrity, and with an in-depth and thorough understanding of the subject matter. When the matter is urgent, they deal with it expeditiously and adopt a commercial approach, whilst at the same time being forensic in relation to the attention to detail within each transaction. They always provide an exceptionally high standard of service and take full responsibility for their actions'

'Well resourced and knowledgeable corporate department providing clear practical advice'

'Meeting Payne Hicks Beach (PHB) is a business relationship that exceeds expectations. PHB presents the courteous "we will commit all the time to get full value" qualities that one hopes to find in professionals'

'Payne Hicks Beach are a highly respected and experienced firm in this area. They have a reputation for excellence and can be trusted to handle complicated cases for very high profile clients'

'They have quality throughout their team and are all highly personable and a pleasure to work with. They have secured a niche as one of the top tier of firms which appears regularly in the top cases'

'Exceptional skillset, clearly joined up and operationally effective, and very presentable. A great, easy-to-work-with team'

'Technically superb with a highly personable service. Very good value, great knowledge and super responsive and helpful'

'The team is exceptionally client focused, very high levels of responsiveness and super helpful to clients'

To read the profile for Payne Hicks Beach click [here](#)

A selection of Payne Hicks Beach's UK practice rankings can be found below:

Tier 1

Family

Leading Firm

Corporate: M&A: smaller deals, up to £50m

Corporate: Partnership

Dispute Resolution: Commercial litigation: mid-market

Human Resources: Employment: senior executives

Human Resources: Immigration: business

Private Client: Agriculture and estates

Private Client: Art and cultural property

Private Client: Contentious trusts and probate

Private Client: Personal tax, trusts and probate

Public Sector: Education: individuals

Real Estate: Commercial property – corporate occupiers

Real Estate: Commercial property - development

Real Estate: Commercial property - investment

Real Estate: Property litigation

Real Estate: Residential property

TMT: Reputation management

TMT: Sport