



Chambers & Partners promotes GQ alongside legal heavyweights

Firm moves up two tiers in rankings and three partners named as leading individuals.

The leading legal directory [Chambers & Partners](#) has moved GQ up in its rankings for the fourth consecutive year. This year's directory sees the firm promoted up two tiers in the employment law rankings, placing GQ alongside heavyweight full-service players. GQ remains the highest-ranked specialist boutique employment law firm.

Founding partner Paul Quain has been promoted to the third tier of leading individuals, and Jon Gilligan and Sophie Vanhegan are also recognised as leading individuals.

The guide describes GQ as:

"[A] high-profile boutique focused on providing major City clients with top-flight transactional and litigation expertise. Highly praised for its technical excellence and effectiveness", and quotes a client as saying:

"A strong employment team: technically proficient, commercial and good value for money."

The entries regarding the recommended partners read:

"[Paul Quain](#) is recommended for his *"committed and thoughtful bedside manner"* and for always giving clients *"110% of his attention."* He regularly advises on restrictive covenant issues in the financial services sector and sources note that *"he knows the High Court, and is a good strategist."*

"[Jon Gilligan](#) is a versatile employment adviser, and often acts for companies facing team move issues, bonus disputes and major restructuring projects."

[Sophie Vanhegan](#), who was promoted to the GQ partnership this year, is ranked as an 'up and coming' partner. She "is described by one source as an "*exceptionally hard-working*" practitioner who brings a rare combination of "*thoughtfulness and confidence*" to her instructions. Others describe her as "*technically proficient, commercial and pragmatic.*"

Paul Quain comments: "The Chambers & Partners annual guide to the legal profession reflects research among clients, and recognises that our goal of providing a high-quality, boutique alternative to the big full-service firms is appreciated by the market."

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