

# Collas Crill achieves strong rankings in Legal 500 Caribbean 2025 Guide

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Collas Crill's teams in the British Virgin Islands (BVI) and Cayman Islands have received another strong set of rankings in the 2025 Legal 500 Caribbean directory.

The firm is consistently ranked across all of its key practice areas, having moved up from 'Firm to Watch' in Banking, Finance and Capital Markets to Tier 4 in 2025.

Stephen Leontsinis, Cayman Managing partner and Real Estate Partner Gina Berry have both been listed as 'Leading Partners' while Senior Associate Sally Peedom has been listed as 'Leading Associate'.

BVI Managing Partner Ellie Crespi and Partner Rocco Cecere have maintained their 'Leading Partner' and 'Next Generation Partner' status, respectively.

Greg Boyd, Annabel Bishop, Chantelle Day, Janeen Aljadir and Andrew Peedom have all been listed as 'Key Lawyers'.

The firm has also received a plethora of industry endorsements on the expertise, commerciality and customer-first approach of its teams.

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

To view Collas Crill's full BVI rankings, click here. For the firm's Cayman Islands rankings, click here.

# Banking, Finance & Capital Markets – Tier 4 (BVI and Cayman)

Ellie Crespi - Leading Partner Greg Boyd, Annabel Bishop- Key Lawyers

'Ellie Crespi and Greg Boyd have decades of offshore experience, in addition to real onshore experience in London and CIS that few offshore lawyers can boast. Their book of private equity, asset finance and non-contentious restructuring clients is impressive, even when compared to the largest offshore firms. They are used to advising on complex sophisticated financing transactions and complicated cross-border issues.'

'We have worked on a broad set of matters together - fund formation, litigation, corporate planning and restructuring. Ellie has a wealth of experience and is refreshing for a lawyer . . . she practices law as if it is about you, the client, and not about the lawyer and the law firm. Efficient, smart and sage counsel.'

'The team were highly responsive and always available to provide practical and accurate advice, even though they are located halfway around the world. We could always count on them to respond immediately.'

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'Ellie Crespi and Annabel Bishop were always available to provide practical and detailed advice relating to BVI law. Given our (and our client's) unfamiliarity with BVI law, it was comforting to know that we were in good hands.'

# Dispute Resolution - Tier 3 (BVI and Cayman)

Stephen Leontsinis - Leading Partner Rocco Cecere - Next Generation Partner Matthew Dors, Kirsten Bailey – Key Lawyers

'Professional, responsive and good value.'

'The standout litigation team in Cayman. Great strength in depth lead by the superb Stephen Leontsinis who is legally and commercially astute, allied to great people skills and commercialism.'

'The team are dynamic, collaborative and experts in their field. The case team seem to have a huge respect for each other and work very well together.'

'Collas Crill has the leading practice in s. 238 proceedings. Their team is top notch.'

'There are a great, diverse team, who work really well together. They provide cost-effective, and easy to understand advice on all areas.'

'Very practical advice, good at getting to grips with problems and coming up with helpful solutions.'

'A bright team of dedicated lawyers with impressive diversity and collaboration.'

'The team has strong experience and expertise across a range of commercial, company, insolvency and trust disputes - and particularly excels at cases which intersect between multiple practice areas.'

#### Real Estate - Tier 2 (Cayman Islands)

Gina Berry – Leading Partner

'Collas Crill provides a diverse team, with a broad range of expertise and in-depth knowledge of local legal matters, along with the unusual colloquialisms, backed by global experience and current legal best practice.'

'The individuals we work with include Gina Berry and Alistair Wade who are the dream team in real estate, able to proactively address all concerns and matters arising. They are super-efficient and responsive.'

'Dedicated, committed and knowledgeable.'

'Excellent understanding of the real estate market in the Cayman Islands. Personnel committed to serving and protecting the interests of their clients. A client-centric approach. Excellent knowledge of conveyancing in the Cayman Islands. Great value for money.'

'Collaborative mindset -We all have mutual clients, so making the client and their needs a priority is exactly what we are looking for. We have often also called the law firm to be a sounding board initially, ahead of perhaps engaging their services formally, their availability and willingness to provide assistance is phenomenal.'

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# Private Client and Trusts, Tier 3 (Cayman)

Sally Peedom – Leading Associate Andrew Peedom – Key Lawyer

'The team is proactive, effective, and professional, which we believe are their strongest capabilities.'

'The team is always available and willing to collaborate proactively and help with any requirement in a timely manner, which is very important to us.'

'Highly qualified team that is approachable.'

# Corporate and Commercial, Tier 4 (Cayman) Tier 3 (BVI)

Chantelle Day, Greg Boyd, Annabel Bishop - Key lawyers

'The team are incredibly dynamic and always responsive. They are very keen to be collaborative and keep their clients updated at all times.'

'Good practical knowledge of Cayman law.'

'Led by two of the best corporate lawyers in BVI, with many years of offshore in addition to heavyweight multi-jurisdictional onshore experience. A truly diverse office: female led with a higher proportion of impressive Caribbean professionals than most other firms who are overloaded with English lawyers.'

'Flexible, approachable, friendly, competent.'

'Always going the extra mile to help us out.'

# **Investment Funds, Tier 6 (Cayman)**

Chantelle Day, Janeen Aljadir - Key lawyers

'Extremely responsive and collaborative.'

'The people react quickly and professionally to the client's questions.'

'The firm has great value for money. It also excels in delivering speedy solutions to complex matters.'

'Simplification of complex matters, being on top of regulatory environment changes.'

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