

Collas Crill retains strong rankings in 2023 Legal 500 Caribbean

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Collas Crill's teams in the British Virgin Islands and Cayman Islands have received another strong set of results in the Legal 500 directory. This year the firm has moved up a tier in one practice area and maintained its position across all others.

Claiming its place in Tier 2 this year is the Collas Crill's "exceptional" real estate team in Cayman, led by Partner <u>Gina Berry</u>. The team joins its dispute resolution colleagues in Tier 2 as well as the firm's BVI-based corporate, finance and funds team, who are once again listed Tier 2 in banking, finance and capital markets.

This year's edition also recognises a number of Collas Crill's individual lawyers in the categories of Leading Individual, Next Generation Partner, Rising Star and Recommended.

See below a snapshot of the firm's rankings, individual accolades and testimonials.

Cayman Managing Partner Stephen Leontsinis said: 'This is yet more fantastic feedback for our exceptional team of lawyers in the Cayman Islands. The 2023 rankings are our best yet and are proof-positive of Collas Crill's growing reputation – on and off the island – as a go-to firm.'

BVI Managing Partner Ellie Crespi said: 'Another set of stellar results for our talented team in the BVI. I'm particularly delighted to see so many of our lawyers name-checked and recognised this year – huge thanks to all our clients who took the time to submit feedback.'

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Banking, Finance and Capital Markets – Tier 2:

'Lauded for its 'dynamic, modern, and growing practice', Collas Crill's expertise in asset and real estate financings, debt restructurings and insolvencies ensures that is regularly sought out by a deep and diverse roster of international banks and financial services players.'

Corporate and Commercial – Tier 3:

'Able to leverage its close working ties with a broader network of offshore offices, Collas Crill fields a 'hands-on and committed' team in the BVI which regularly handles an array of cross-border M&A, debt restructuring, and investment fund-related matters.'

Dispute resolution - Tier 4:

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

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'Collas Crill – praised as 'a firm to watch in the BVI' – continues to build 'a leading fraud, insolvency and asset tracing practice' which 'can be trusted with complex, heavyweight international litigation'.

Individual recognition:

Leading Individual – Ellie Crespi

Recommended - Ellie Crespi, Dave Marshall, Fay O'Halloran

Cayman

Real estate - Tier 2:

'They are my preferred practice and seldom do I recommend anyone else.'

'The team meet impossible deadlines without compromising accuracy. I find them to be knowledgeable and solution-oriented as well as extremely user-friendly. They have a stellar reputation as real estate lawyers and I trust them with all my largest deals.'

Dispute Resolution - Tier 2:

'The Collas Crill dispute resolution team are wonderful to work with. The team are very professional, flexible, approachable, responsive with excellent attention to detail.'

'Great responsiveness, willingness to be flexible on costs within reason, great technical knowledge and a talented and diverse team.'

Trusts/Private Client - Tier 3:

'A number of corporate clients, law firms and trusts turn to Collas Crill for its balanced capabilities in contentious private client matters and trust formation work.'

'Andrew Peedom is a seasoned offshore adviser whose expertise spans commercial advisory work and litigation before the Privy Council. Senior associate Sally Peedom is a key port of call for a number of institutional trustees and high-net-worth individuals on both sides of the Atlantic.'

Corporate and Commercial – Tier 4: Investment Funds – Tier 5:

'Natalie Bell is a key contact for the firm's investment fund clients, who turn to her for her expertise in structuring, formation and corporate governance work.'

'Collas Crill's interdisciplinary corporate, finance and funds team handles an accordingly broad array of fund sector matters, ranging from new formations to restructurings and regulatory reviews.'

Individual recognition:

Leading Individual – Stephen Leontsinis, Gina Berry

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Next Generation Partner - Natalie Bell, Rocco Cecere, Jennifer Colegate

Recommended - Natalie Bell, Matthew Dors, Jo Hossack, Laura Oseland, Andrew Peedom, Sally Peedom, Natascha Steiner-Smith

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