

Meet your Jersey property, planning and construction team – they're in a league of their own

Whether you're investing in property, undertaking property finance or property development, making or challenging a Planning application or involved in the construction industry, Ogier's Jersey property, planning and construction law team remains in a league of its own – that's the view of the most influential, independent legal directory in the business, Chambers UK.

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For the second year running, Chambers has ranked the Jersey team as the only team of property, planning and construction lawyers and conveyancers to merit a top-tier rating, citing client feedback saying "I have always been very impressed with the Ogier property team and cannot fault their client service" and that they are "very experienced and able to resolve any problems that arise".

The directory independently assesses the work that law firms do, and uses verified client feedback to get a real, practical view of their technical skills and client service. The feedback for the Ogier team – published at the start of November – highlights their no-nonsense, high quality approach.

The same team work on major development projects for construction firms and architects, and for the sale or purchase of multi-million pound homes to one or two-bedroom flats.

The team, which is part of Ogier's Local Legal Services team, is led by partner Jonathan Hughes, a Jersey Advocate described by clients as "a very knowledgeable problem solver". Advocate Julie Melia is the property and probate partner in team and has more than 25 years' experience in local legal work. In respect of Julie's work, one client said "She is amazing. One of the best lawyers I have dealt with. Very responsive, capable and efficient."

Both Jonathan and Julie are ranked in Band One of Jersey property lawyers – and Chris Renouf, a former head of the team who now works with them as a consultant, is one of only two practitioners working in the Island to merit "Senior Statesman" status.

Managing associate Katherine Marshall is described as "approachable, efficient and always prompt in dealing with matters".

The team also includes Claire Smith, who recently advised a Jersey Housing Trust on its successful planning appeal to build 31 social housing units in Minden Place, and who is one of the Island's very few legal specialists in planning and construction law, with significant experience of representing clients through Jersey's Planning appeal system. The newest lawyer on the team is Laura Shirreffs, who has been with Ogier since she was a bursary student, and who specialises in commercial property, property finance, corporate and employment law. The team also continues to grow, and looks forward to welcoming new commercial property senior associate Sarah Parish, and new paralegal Chelsea McKenna in December.

The conveyancing team includes experienced practitioners Tim Bechelet (whose career in property started in 1978 at Le Masurier, Giffard and Poch, the firm that became Ogier), Robin Gilmour (who has been in the industry for more than 30 years), Anna Carter (whose background was in property finance and estate management before joining the firm) and residential sale/purchase specialist Jonathan Dauny, a Member of the Jersey Association of Property Conveyancers with more than 15 years' experience.

The team is supported by a dynamic group of paralegals who assist in delivering continued service innovation for clients.

If you would like the support of any of our team members, call the Local Legal Services team on +44 1534 514056 or email info@ogierproperty.com.

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