Radcliffe Chambers



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John has been with Radcliffe Chambers for over 30 years and leads a dedicated and efficient team of practice managers.

As well as leading the clerks' room, John is responsible for the development of chambers and of individual members' practices and plays a central role in building and maintaining new and existing relationships with clients both here in the UK and in offshore jurisdictions such as Jersey, Guernsey, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Hong Kong and Singapore.

As Head of Clerking, John oversees all our key practice areas in chambers, with particular focus on Private Client/Offshore, Pensions, and Banking/Financial Services, together with Radcliffe's team of silks.

John is always available to discuss allocation of work, fees or any other aspect of a members' practice. He takes a sensible, flexible and commercial approach in all matters to ensure a high level of client service and is described by clients as "extremely commercial, highly responsive and thoroughly pragmatic" and "excellent at getting the right barrister for the right case".

"John Clark leads by example. He's tried and tested, and his desire to provide a first-class service permeates down to those beneath him" (Chambers and Partners, 2025)

"The set has the best clerking team in the City in terms of how user-friendly they are. The clerks always go the extra mile." (Chambers and Partners, 2025)

"Head of Clerking John Clark and Practice Manager Callum Clark are always quick to deal with matters and very proactive in their management of solicitors relationships." (Chambers and Partners, 2025)

"....John Clark is always extremely responsive and spot on with his knowledge of the specific areas his barristers excel in" (Legal 500, 2025)

"John Clark is a credit to the set – an outstanding clerk who is well versed in the procedure unique to private wealth disputes" (Legal 500, 2025)

"John Clark is the consummate professional and understands what instructing solicitors need as a service from his set" (Legal 500, 2025)

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Radcliffe Chambers were awarded 'Client Service Set of the Year' at the Chambers and Partners awards 2022.

John is a member of the Institute of Barristers' Clerks and the Legal Practice Management Association.

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- "John Clark 'is a particular asset of the chambers; he is responsive, helpful, and understands the needs of those instructing him'" (Legal500, UK Bar 2023)
- "A sound team well lead by John Clark" (Legal500, UK Bar 2023)
- "Brilliant clerking very responsive and understanding. Justin Allen and John Clark are calm and reliable presences, always responsive and helpful" (Legal500, UK Bar 2023)