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Band 1
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Pardiwalla Pesi <i>Pardiwalla Twomey Lablache</i>
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Hoareau Basil <i>Chetty & Hoareau Chambers</i>
Lucas Danny <i>Danny Lucas – Attorney at Law (ORL)</i> ◇
Band 3
Elizabeth Frank <i>Victoria Law Firm (ORL)</i> ◇
Sabino Divino <i>Pardiwalla Twomey Lablache</i>
◇ (ORL) = Other Ranked Lawyer.
<i>Alphabetical order within each band. Band 1 is highest.</i>

Band 1

Intershore Chambers

This highly reputed firm is praised for its impressive experience in a range of domestic and offshore matters. It offers significant expertise in corporate, banking and finance, and constitutional law issues. The group is also routinely engaged on contentious mandates.

Philippe Boullé is a longstanding practitioner in the Seychellois legal market who possesses a considerable wealth of experience in offshore mandates. His diverse commercial knowledge spans contentious and non-contentious matters.

Kieran Bhogilal Shah

This firm is widely known for its top-tier expertise in both civil and commercial matters, as well as the strength of its dispute resolution practice. It possesses notable experience advising banks on lending and securities matters. It regularly assists a broad range of clients across the aviation, insurance and tourism sectors.

Kieran Shah is held in high regard for his broad commercial practice. He has knowledge of banking and finance, as well as intellectual property law, and often assists with trade mark registrations.

Pardiwalla Twomey Lablache

This firm is well established in the Seychellois market, with diverse commercial expertise that includes offshore matters. It possesses a wealth of experience in the corporate sphere, including transactions and real estate mandates. It also frequently acts on behalf of clients in the banking and finance space.

Conrad Lablache is highly regarded for his in-depth experience across a range of corporate mandates. He advises on banking and finance and real estate matters, and is singled out for his expertise in bankruptcy and liquidation. Sources say: “He is a very good lawyer – very meticulous.” **Pesi Pardiwalla** possesses wide-ranging expertise in contentious and non-contentious Seychellois law. He earns recognition for his experience in government, including acting as Attorney General. **Divino Sabino** continues to develop his reputation in the Seychellois market, handling a broad array of contentious and non-contentious matters. His expertise spans corporate, banking and employment law.

Band 2

Chetty & Hoareau Chambers

This well-established firm is distinguished for its wide-reaching practice that includes advising on investments and transactional matters. The team notably assists financial institutions and private investors who seek its strong litigation expertise.

Priscille Chetty possesses expertise in corporate matters, particularly transactional mandates. She is a member of the board of the country’s Anti-Corruption Commission and has extensive knowledge of Seychellois legislation on the subject. **Basil Hoareau’s** practice includes advising on contentious corporate and real estate matters. Market observers note that he demonstrates strong litigation skills in high-profile cases.

Other Ranked Lawyers

Francis Chang-Sam is a longstanding figure in the Seychellois legal market with considerable knowledge of the country’s legislation. His experience encompasses both contentious and transactional matters.

Frank Elizabeth is singled out for his experience handling legal matters in the jurisdiction. He is often involved in dispute resolution.

Danny Lucas is a well-reputed lawyer in the Seychelles who is commended for his handling of transactional mandates. He also ably handles litigation.

General Business Law International Firms

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Leading Firms
Band 1
Appleby*
Leading Individuals
Ally Juliette <i>Appleby</i>
* Indicates firm with profile.
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Foreign Experts (Based Abroad)
General Business Law: International Firms
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Band 1

Appleby

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Appleby operates primarily in the financial services sector

in the Seychelles. The firm advises international companies on transactional matters as part of its wide range of corporate services. Its broad network covers major offshore jurisdictions, including Bermuda and Mauritius.

Juliette Ally offers expertise in corporate matters. She acts for domestic and international clients on their interests in the Seychelles. **Malcolm Moller** possesses experience of high-value transactions, with acknowledged expertise in corporate finance. He is also managing partner of the firm’s Mauritius office.

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Group Managing Partner: Malcolm Moller**Mauritius & Seychelles Managing Partner:** Malcolm Moller

Number of partners worldwide: Over 60 Number of other lawyers worldwide: Over 200

Firm Overview:

Appleby is a leading offshore law firm. The team of legal specialists advise global public and private companies, financial institutions and private individuals. Appleby is regularly recognised for its integrity and excellent client service, these are the values the firm prides itself on and are at the very core of its business. Appleby's global presence allows it to provide timely and comprehensive legal advice at the times that matter most to clients. Appleby is located in the key offshore jurisdictions of Bermuda, the British Virgin Islands, the Cayman Islands, Guernsey, Isle of Man, Jersey, Mauritius, and the Seychelles, as well as the international financial centres of Hong Kong and Shanghai. Appleby works with clients to achieve practical solutions whether in a single location or across multiple jurisdictions. Appleby is a full service law firm providing expert advice across corporate, dispute resolution, property, regulatory and private client and trusts practice areas.

Main Areas of Practice:**Mergers & Acquisitions:**

Appleby's mergers and acquisitions team regularly works with FTSE 100 and Fortune 500 companies around the globe to help them deploy strategic growth and restructuring initiatives, whether involving single jurisdictions or complex multi-jurisdictional, multi-disciplinary transactions. They actively monitor M&A trends through their half-yearly Offshore-i report and their unique global presence means that they are able to advise clients on complex, cross-border transactions involving the offshore jurisdictions.

Regulatory:

Appleby's regulatory and compliance team is one of the world's largest offshore, comprised of experts who not only have first-hand knowledge of local regulation, but who have in many cases, helped to shape it. The team is skilled at putting technical regulatory information and decision-making in a commercial context, and clients know that they can assemble the team to deliver an international service, quickly and seamlessly.

Technology & Innovation:

Appleby's multi-disciplinary technology and innovation Group comprises experts from each of their ten offices to help businesses meet the new challenges and support clients across a broad range of emerging technologies including blockchain, virtual currencies, ICOs, data protection and financial technologies.

Banking & Finance:

Appleby's banking and asset finance team is experienced in all aspects of law relating to banking, ship and aircraft registration and finance, asset backed finance and project and infrastructure finance. The team provides advice to major banks and financial institutions, ship and aircraft owners, lessors, and lessees and has deep and trusted relationships with numerous international law firms, shipping groups and financial institutions around the world.

Funds:

Appleby's fund finance team is expert in advising banks and finance providers in the development of sophisticated financing solutions. The team is globally recognised as leaders in the fund finance sector and have advised on a variety of different financing structures involving funds that have ranged from a hundred million to billions of dollars in subscribed investor commitments.

Insolvency & Restructuring:

Appleby's insolvency and restructuring team advises directors, institutional lenders, creditors (secured or unsecured), borrowers, or insolvency practitioners in large insolvencies that have offshore or cross-border elements. The team has extensive insolvency and restructuring experience across a wide range of industries, including retail, hospitality and leisure, healthcare, financial services, real estate and manufacturing.

Trust Disputes:

As family arrangements become more complex, trustees and beneficiaries are frequently being drawn into disputes which lead to court proceedings. Appleby's talented, experienced and solution driven trust disputes team is committed to delivering the highest possible level of client service and regularly work together across their global locations to provide expert multi-jurisdictional advice.

Employment:

Appleby's specialist employment team provides advice on employment and immigration law to a range of global clients, including banks, financial services businesses, companies and directors, as well as their onshore legal advisers. With close ties to local governments, they are often consulted on, and help to share, new laws brought into force across the jurisdictions in which they operate.

Fraud & Asset Tracing:

Appleby's fraud and asset tracing team members are experts in helping clients to trace and recover assets across international jurisdictions, regardless of where proceedings originate. Their clients include major financial institutions, multinational corporations, government agencies, state-owned corporations and high net worth individuals, who have been defrauded or have received the proceeds of fraud. They also advise directors and officers, and other service providers caught in the fallout of fraudulent activities.

Property:

Appleby is a leading provider of property services in Bermuda, the Cayman Islands, Isle of Man and Jersey. The property team provides expert legal advice on all aspects of commercial and residential property, including sales and purchases, leasing, development and property finance transactions. The team is frequently recognised for its experience and excellent client service and is consistently ranked in the top tiers for property work. The team regularly works directly with developers, investors, business occupiers, banking institutions and private individuals.

Private Client & Trust:

Appleby's private client and trust team provides trust and foundation services to private individuals, families, and fiduciary companies. The team advises on all aspects of trust law, including the establishment, administration, restructuring and termination of private, charitable, and commercial trusts and foundations. The team acts in a personal capacity as Protector, Enforcer and Director (of Private Trust Companies) for a number of discretionary trusts and is frequently instructed by blue-chip trust institutions.

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