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The Leading Lawyers and Law Firms Globally

Guyana





How lawyers are ranked

Every year we carry out thousands of in-depth interviews with clients in order to assess the reputations and expertise of business lawyers worldwide. The qualities we look for (and which determine rankings) include technical legal ability, professional conduct, client service, commercial awareness/astuteness, diligence, commitment, and other qualities most valued by the client.

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◇ (ORL) = Other Ranked Lawyer.
Alphabetical order within each band. Band 1 is highest.

Band 1

Cameron & Shepherd

What the team is known for Cameron & Shepherd is Guyana's most longstanding law firm and remains a top choice for commercial banks and international corporates operating in the country. Alongside its work with financial institutions, the team also regularly acts for both domestic and international clients active in the offshore oil and gas sector and is further well versed in IP, securities enforcement and admiralty matters.

Notable practitioners

Hari Narayen Ramkarran SC has been in active practice for over 40 years and is regarded as one of Guyana's most revered lawyers. He is particularly well known for advising on public and commercial litigation matters. **Josephine Whitehead SC** is a renowned transactional lawyer with expertise spanning securities and oil-related investments. She offers further experience advising on market entry issues. **Rafiq Turhan Khan SC** acted as a judge at the Court of Appeal prior to his

return to private practice. He is a well-regarded litigator with significant expertise in intellectual property and finance.

Band 2

De Caires, Fitzpatrick & Karran

What the team is known for De Caires, Fitzpatrick & Karran is a well-respected law firm covering a diverse range of matters, including those relating to commercial, insurance and banking law, in addition to work in the real estate sector. The firm houses seasoned litigators, as well as lawyers with experience handling environmental issues and compliance mandates relating to local and indigenous communities.

Notable practitioners

Timothy Jonas is a prominent litigator in Guyana's legal world. He offers in-depth understanding of constitutional and public law issues, in tandem with his practice in the areas of commercial, corporate, banking and insurance law.

Fraser, Housty & Yearwood

What the team is known for Fraser, Housty & Yearwood is one of the key law firms in Guyana. It is heavily involved in commercial matters, with a track record of representing finance, oil and gas and telecoms companies. The team additionally possesses expertise in mining, environmental and employment law.

Notable practitioners

Stephen Fraser SC is a deft civil and commercial lawyer who is notably skilled in complex commercial matters. He is a frequent choice of counsel to represent financial entities. **Teni Housty** is admitted to both the Guyana and Trinidad & Tobago Bars, and has previously acted as president of the Guyana Bar Association. He works across a wide spectrum of areas, including intellectual property, international trade, media law and telecoms.

Band 3

Dentons (BVI) Corp.

What the team is known for Dentons' Caribbean offering extends to a significant practice in Guyana. With an increasingly prominent office in Georgetown, the law firm is also able to leverage

expertise from its Barbados office in order to assist clients. The team acts on a range of mandates, including capital markets issuances, tax advice and employment matters.

Work highlights A Dentons team acted for Sol Caribbean on a challenge to the Guyana Revenue Authority's ability to charge taxes on a certain matter.

Notable practitioners

Barbados-based Dustin Delany is a key point of contact for Dentons' Caribbean practice, including its work in Guyana.

Hughes, Fields & Stoby

What the team is known for Hughes, Fields & Stoby is a well-known law firm with a broad commercial offering. The group's advisory practice covers corporate and commercial, oil and gas and real estate transactions, and is complemented by its impressive litigious strengths. The firm's resources and international reach are bolstered via its membership of the Lex Mundi legal network.

Notable practitioners

Nigel Hughes is a key contact for clients.

Other Ranked Lawyers

Ashton Chase SC is a seasoned lawyer with a masterful knowledge of labour and employment issues. He remains a presence in court and is a towering figure in litigation.

Devindra Kissoon has a practice focusing on commercial and finance mandates, with clients derived from industries such as mining and manufacturing. He has previous experience working in both the UK and USA.

Edward Luckhoo SC is an immensely respected commercial litigator with a strong capacity in complex contentious matters.

Robin Stoby SC is a highly experienced litigator who advocates on cases concerning land disputes, contested sales and administrative issues, and has appeared before the Supreme Court and the Caribbean Court of Justice. He has further experience covering commercial, finance and insurance transactions.