

# Allocation to Areas of Practice

The following table is designed to give further guidance on the allocation of fee receipts to areas of practice. These guidelines are not intended to be exclusive, nor will the allocation in the table always be appropriate for every individual case which falls within the general description in the right hand column. The appropriate test is the underlying subject matter of the work from which the income is derived, not the court or other forum for proceedings, although this may assist in identifying the appropriate allocation. The identity of the client is not relevant (save for the purposes of the column on the renewal form headed (“% CROWN”).

Please do not hesitate to consult the Managers for specific guidance in case of any doubt about the appropriate allocation.

**The practice areas of Admiralty, Competition, European and International Law have all been merged with Commercial and Financial Services.**

	<b>AREA OF PRACTICE</b>	<b>INCLUDES:</b>
D	COMMERCIAL (including Financial Services)	Admiralty (Salvage, maritime collisions, limitation funds) Aviation Banking & Financial Services Carriage of Goods Civil Fraud Commodities Competition (including Monopolies/mergers, Public Procurement) European (EU Law) Information Technology Insurance/reinsurance International (Public International Law) Media and Telecoms Shipping
FC	CRIME	Coroners’ Inquests Extradition Fraud Proceeds of Crime and Asset Confiscation Race Relations Trading Standards
FD	PROFESSIONAL DISCIPLINE	Disciplinary Tribunals If acting as Chair, please declare as Arbitrator
G	DEFAMATION	
H	EMPLOYMENT	Contracts and Entitlements Discrimination Dismissal Industrial Law / Trade Unions
J	FAMILY – CHILDREN	Care orders Contact and residence International Child Abduction Special Educational Needs
K	FAMILY – OTHER	Financial Provision NB: TOLATA cases between co-habitees should be allocated as “Chancery”
L	IMMIGRATION	Deportation

M	INSOLVENCY	
PC	LANDLORD & TENANT (NON-RESIDENTIAL)	Commercial leases Agricultural leases
PD	or LANDLORD & TENANT (RESIDENTIAL) as appropriate	Dilapidations and Disrepair (including cases involving Local Authority landlords) Domestic leases Rent review Determination Forfeiture Leasehold enfranchisement
Q	LICENSING	
R	CONSTRUCTION	Building disputes Construction law
S	PUBLIC (previously Parliamentary & Local Government)	Administrative law Court of Protection: Health and Welfare Education law Homelessness Local Government Rights/duties of Local Authorities re: Housing policy Social security Health Constitutional law Judicial review (but see Explanatory Notes) Parliamentary Public inquiries Public law
T	INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY	Breach of Confidence and Privacy Patents and Plant Varieties Registered designs and Copyright Trademarks and passing-off Performing rights
U	PLANNING	Planning Inquiries Compulsory Acquisition Environmental
W	REVENUE Crown Non-Crown – Contentious Non-Crown – Non-Contentious as appropriate	Capital gains tax Income tax Inheritance tax VAT Restitution claims against HMRC
XC	CHANCERY CONTENTIOUS (ie litigation)	Company Charities Court of Protection: Property and Affairs
XD	or CHANCERY NON-CONTENTIOUS as appropriate	Partnership Wills, probate, trusts Property transfer (including all TOLATA cases) Boundary disputes Mineral rights Easement/covenants
YC	PERSONAL INJURY	Personal injury Fatal injury Industrial disease Medical negligence
YD	PROFESSIONAL NEGLIGENCE	
YE	OTHER COMMON LAW	Private nuisance Public nuisance Domestic insurance

		Consumer credit Consumer contracts Road accidents (non-personal injury) Negligence (other than professional) Actions against the police Costs litigation/Law of Costs
O	ARBITRATOR OR UMPIRE OR MEDIATOR	Acting as Arbitrator, Umpire or Mediator Chair of enquiry Inspector, examiner Legal Assessor

Please note "OTHER".

Whilst BMIF will try to allocate any declarations under "Other" to the appropriate area, please note that the applicable rating is 2.25% if this is not possible.

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