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The women recognised in the private practice category are among the most accomplished and influential lawyers in their fields -leading teams, shaping the law, and opening doors for the generations coming behind them.

Amandeep Khasriya

*Consultant Solicitor,
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Amandeep Khasriya is a Consultant Solicitor at Moore Barlow LLP and is a key member of the team instructed on some of London's most high-profile and sensitive cases, including the Wimbledon Study Prep crash and the central London Strand collision of 18 March. Legal 500 describes her as displaying "technical and tactical nous alongside genuinely caring attitudes towards her clients".

Alongside her legal practice, Amandeep is a recognised voice on women's leadership, gender equality and social mobility. As Chair of the Law Society's Women Solicitors Network, she helps shape conversations across the profession on leadership, progression, belonging and the realities of modern legal careers.

She is also a Law Advisory Board member at Roehampton University, where she contributes to conversations around legal education, employability and the development of future lawyers. In addition, she is a key contributor to the Be The Ladder Awards and Foundation, a social mobility initiative that celebrates and champions those who use their success to help others rise.

Through her speaking, writing and media commentary - including features in Brummell Magazine, the Law Society Gazette and wider legal media - Amandeep has become known for opening up honest conversations around confidence, ambition, progression, menopause, workplace barriers and the challenges facing women in professional life. She is also one of this year's judges for the Law Society Legal Heroes Awards. Amandeep was previously recognised by the Law Society as Highly Commended for Women Solicitor of the Year for her wider contribution to the profession.



Tetyana Nesterchuk
*Barrister and Arbitrator,
Fountain Court Chambers*

Tetyana Nesterchuk is a barrister and arbitrator at Fountain Court Chambers whose practice focuses on high-profile and complex disputes at the intersection of public and private law, both domestic and international. She is recognised for her work on matters involving international justice, human rights, state responsibility and civil fraud.

Before coming to the Bar, Tetyana practised as a corporate solicitor at Slaughter and May and served as a judicial assistant in the UK Supreme Court to the late Lords Rodger and Brown. Alongside her practice, she taught Roman Law, Trusts and Torts at Oxford University for ten years. She was named in The Lawyer Hot 100 in 2024, was The Lawyer's Barrister of the Week in 2021, and is recommended by the legal directories in public international law, civil fraud and professional discipline.

Beyond her practice, Tetyana advises parliamentarians in the UK, Ukraine, Canada and the European Union on



I have been extraordinarily fortunate to learn from women who demonstrated what is possible for female lawyers: Baroness Brenda Hale, who redefined what leadership in the law could look like; Oleksandra Matviichuk, who courageously gave voice to victims of war; Baroness Victoria Prentis, whose resilience, integrity and commitment to justice and the rule of law exemplified public service at its best; and the late Victoria Amelina, who showed that truth-telling in search of justice is itself an act of courage. Their example taught me that the law is not simply a profession, but a responsibility to those whose voices might otherwise go unheard.

public international law, particularly in relation to the seizure and transfer of state assets following serious violations of international law and human rights.

Tetyana grew up in a mining family in Eastern Ukraine and was the first lawyer in her family. Inspired by reading Ukraine's first Constitution in 1996, she decided to study law and, after receiving several scholarships, became the first Ukrainian undergraduate admitted to study Jurisprudence at Worcester College, Oxford, graduating with top marks in her year.

The granddaughter of a prisoner of war and the daughter and sister of refugees, Tetyana's personal history has shaped her professional mission. As a lawyer, academic, adviser and mother of two, she has dedicated her career to advancing accountability, protecting the rule of law, and ensuring that the pursuit of justice remains accessible to those who need it most.



Isabelle Mitchell

Partner, Public Inquiries and Investigations Eversheds Sutherland

Isabelle Mitchell is a Partner in Eversheds Sutherland's Public Inquiries and Investigations team and one of the UK's leading lawyers advising on complex public inquiries and sensitive investigations.

Over the past decade, she has played a central role in some of the most high-profile inquiries in the UK, including the Angiolini Inquiry, as well as major investigations into systemic failures and institutional culture. Her work focuses not only on legal strategy, but on how inquiries are delivered in practice – from managing sensitive evidence and stakeholder relationships to supporting witnesses and bereaved families through often challenging processes.

Isabelle is widely recognised for advancing a more trauma informed approach to inquiry work, helping to reshape how legal teams interact with participants and institutions under intense public scrutiny. She has also



I'm honoured to be included in this year's Women Who Will report alongside so many inspiring women across the profession. Public inquiries sit at the intersection of law, accountability and human experience, and I'm passionate about continuing to shape processes that are not only rigorous, but fair and humane for everyone involved.

supported organisations through the full lifecycle of inquiries and investigations, from initial crisis response through to long-term reform and implementation.

Alongside her client work, Isabelle co-authored *The Practical Guide to Public Inquiries*, now considered a leading reference text for practitioners in this field. She has also contributed to wider professional reform, including pro bono work supporting complainants in a landmark regulatory case that prompted a sector-wide review of conduct and accountability at the Bar. She was recently named in *The Lawyer Hot 100 2026*, recognising her influence on the development of inquiry law and practice.

Through her work, Isabelle continues to influence how inquiry law is practised across the UK – combining technical excellence with a strong focus on fairness, accountability and lasting institutional change.



Victoria Morley-Jones

*Partner and Head of Property, Bristol
RWK Goodman*

Victoria Morley-Jones is a Partner and Head of Property in RWK Goodman's Bristol office, recognised for her standing in residential property, her influence in residential development and the leadership she brings to building and shaping a successful team.

She has built a reputation for technical excellence, commercial judgement and confident leadership, advising on matters that demand precision and strategic insight. Her practice is defined by ambition, quality, long-term client confidence and a genuine commitment to helping others succeed.

Victoria has built a strong profile in residential development, with notable expertise in acquisitions and plot sales, including work for affordable housing providers and corporate clients acquiring residential assets or securing bridging finance. This expansion has strengthened, rather than displaced, her leadership in mainstream residential property and marks her out as a versatile, commercially astute practitioner who can spot where the market is moving, recognise talent in the team and align people's development with strategic opportunity. In doing so, she has helped build a practice that is responsive to client demand and well placed for long-term growth.

What distinguishes Victoria is her ability to combine strategic thinking with visible, hands-on leadership. Clients value her as a trusted adviser and accomplished problem-solver who understands the commercial realities behind each instruction and responds with clarity, pace and purpose. Since joining RWK Goodman in February 2024, she has played a significant role in strengthening and expanding the firm's residential and residential development offering in Bristol. Central

to that has been her focus on growing the team in a deliberate, sustainable way: identifying strategic hires, nurturing emerging talent and helping shape a culture in which people can perform at a high level while continuing to develop.

Her approach goes beyond managing performance. She develops individuals, spots talent early and creates clear opportunities for progression. This has helped her build a strong, motivated and high-performing team with a culture rooted in trust, ambition and shared success. Her leadership shows that commercial growth is strongest when built on investment in people, succession planning and a clear vision for the future. In doing so, she has demonstrated the kind of modern legal leadership that drives commercial growth while maintaining a strong commitment to team development, collaboration and support.

Victoria is also a visible advocate for women in the legal profession. Through her leadership style, mentoring relationships and wider contributions to the firm, she actively encourages others to grow in confidence, capability and profile. She is committed to creating opportunities for the next generation of women, ensuring progress is shared and success is used to open doors for others.

Victoria's achievements reflect the qualities celebrated by Women Who Will: leadership, innovation, commercial excellence and a genuine commitment to lifting others as she progresses. She is not only an accomplished leader, but also a compelling example of the calibre, ambition and influence this award is designed to recognise.



I am honoured to be recognised within the Women Who Will Class of 2026, and within the Trailblazer category. The perspectives of previous winners underscore a shared responsibility, to lead in a way that meaningfully advances the visibility and progression of women.

This recognition reflects a culture within my firm that does not treat inclusion as aspirational, but as essential. I am proud to be part of an environment where women are actively supported, seen, and positioned to lead.

Leadership, to me, is measured not only by outcomes, but by the opportunities created for others. I remain committed to ensuring that women are given the visibility, platform, and confidence to progress because sustainable success depends on it.





Sophie Wardell

*People Director and Board Member,
Higgs LLP*

Sophie Wardell is People Director and a Board member at Higgs LLP, where she leads the firm’s people and culture strategy with a focus on inclusive leadership, wellbeing and sustainable growth. Recognised as a leading voice on workplace culture and neurodiversity within the legal sector, Sophie is passionate about creating environments where people can succeed without having to hide who they are.

Born and raised in the Midlands, Sophie has built her career in the region and remains deeply committed to improving access to professional careers across the West Midlands. Alongside her role at Higgs, she serves as Chair of the Black Country Cornerstone Employer Group, bringing together employers, schools and education providers to improve social mobility, employability and career opportunities for young people.

Within Higgs, Sophie plays a key role in aligning people strategy with business strategy during a period of significant growth and transformation. Her work spans leadership development, organisational culture, wellbeing, employee engagement and inclusive recruitment, helping to ensure that commercial success and people experience remain intrinsically linked.

IMAGE OF SOPHIE: Edwin Ladd



The world does not need more conformity, it needs difference. To me, leadership is about creating workplaces where people feel safe to contribute as themselves, not who they think they are expected to be.

Sophie is particularly known for her advocacy around neurodiversity, psychological safety and mental health. Through both her professional work and public platform, she challenges traditional ideas of professionalism and encourages organisations to rethink how they recognise talent, potential and leadership. Her writing and speaking frequently explore the importance of creating workplaces where difference is valued rather than suppressed.

Through LinkedIn, where she has built a community of more than 19,000 followers and ranks amongst the top LinkedIn creators in the UK HR sector, Sophie shares practical and candid insight on leadership, inclusion, wellbeing and the future of work. Her work has been recognised externally through awards for workplace wellbeing and culture, including Higgs achieving Investors in People Gold accreditation and receiving the Employee Wellness Excellence Award at the Express & Star Business Awards.

Sophie believes leadership is ultimately about creating opportunities for others to thrive and helping to build a profession where talent and potential are recognised in all forms.



Amy Clowrey
Solicitor and Director,
Switalskis

Amy Clowrey, Solicitor and Director at Switalskis, specialises in child sexual abuse compensation claims, with a particular focus on cases involving child sexual exploitation and grooming. Amy has extensive experience representing survivors in some of the most high-profile and complex abuse cases in the UK, including those arising from the Rotherham and West Yorkshire grooming gang scandals. She has also acted for hundreds of survivors of abuse in South London, particularly in relation to systemic failings by the London Borough of Lambeth.

Amy also represented 28 survivors of abuse as Core Participants in the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA), contributing to the national examination of institutional failings and helping ensure survivors' voices were heard at the highest level. In addition, Amy has represented survivors of child grooming gangs across the UK, supporting individuals through complex and sensitive litigation involving multiple public bodies.

Alongside her casework, Amy has played an active role in raising public awareness of abuse and systemic



I'm truly grateful to be included in the Women Who Will 2026 report. The work I do is inspired and shaped every single day by the remarkable courage of the survivors I represent – it's a privilege to stand beside them and support their journey. As lawyers, recognition is never the driving force; our motivation is to make a meaningful difference for those we serve. So, to be acknowledged alongside so many women who are working hard to drive real change within the legal profession is truly an honour.

safeguarding failures. Last year she featured in the Channel 4 documentary *Groomed: A National Scandal* and has contributed to discussions within the House of Lords and national press coverage, including *The Sunday Times*, helping to bring greater visibility to survivor experiences and the ongoing need for reform.

Amy is also deeply involved in the wider legal profession. She is a Law Society Council Member for Yorkshire and Humberside, the joint Vice Chair of the Civil Justice Committee of The Law Society, and Education Representative for the Yorkshire Union for Lawyers. Alongside these roles, Amy serves as Switalskis' Training Principal, responsible for the development of Trainee Solicitors, Solicitor Apprentices and Graduate Solicitor Apprentices across the firm.

Known for a transparent and pragmatic approach, Amy places significant emphasis on building trust with survivors at their own pace, recognising the importance of sensitivity, patience, and clear communication in all aspects of her work.



Thrilled to be recognised in this year’s trailblazing cohort as a “Woman who will”. Pretty much sums up my approach to work and personal life! If I come across injustice in the legal system, particularly around gender inequality, I’ll do everything in my power to put it right.

Nikki Alderson

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