

Biography



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Expertise

Private Wealth , Family Office , Private Trust Companies , Probate & Letters of Administration , Trusts , Wills , Trusts & Private Client Litigation

Henry Mander is a leading trust practitioner, with over 20 years offshore and onshore experience in the international private client industry, and is the global head of our Trusts and Private Wealth groups. He is ranked in the top band in both Cayman and BVI for private client/trusts by Legal 500 and Chambers High Net Worth, the leading directories in this field.

Henry advises both private and institutional clients, including banks and trust companies, on all aspects of Cayman and BVI trust law. He has a broad range of trust and estate planning experience, including the creation, administration and termination of complex international trusts and advising on the mechanics for effective succession planning for high net worth individuals and families.

Henry has a particular expertise in the use of STAR trusts and VISTA trusts for clients in emerging markets, specifically Latin America and the Far East. Recent instructions have also involved sophisticated planning involving Private Trust Companies in both Cayman and BVI. The majority of Henry's practice involves working with clients' onshore advisors, especially lawyers and accountants, to ensure that the most advantageous Cayman or BVI trust vehicle is established. In recent years, Henry has also acted as expert witness and as court-appointed representative for certain beneficiaries in various complex international trust proceedings.

Henry joined Harneys in the BVI in January 2011 before relocating to the Cayman Islands later that year. He previously worked in the private client departments of London firms Boodle Hatfield and Farrer & Co.

Henry is a full member of the Society of Trust & Estate Practitioners (STEP) and has sat on the STEP Cayman Islands Council, including its legislative sub-committee, since 2014. He is one of the

contributing editors to British Virgin Islands Commercial Law, Sweet & Maxwell, now in its fourth edition.

Recommendations

Henry is consistently recognised by Legal 500 and is ranked a leading individual in both the Cayman Islands and BVI Trusts/Private Client guides.

Recent testimonials include:

- Clients say he is "always available, provides practical advice and excellent solutions", another says he is "very much respected, quite rightly, as a clever and measured partner of wide experience". (2024 guide)
- Sources say he is "capable, experienced and responsive" and "brilliant and engaging and an excellent resource in Cayman". "He is a go-to legal expert on BVI and Cayman trust law." (2022 guide)
- "Henry Mander is approachable and thoughtful on trust law questions." (2025 guide)
- "Henry Mander is a top notch legal advisor, especially in regards to BVI and Cayman trust law." (2025 guide)
- "Henry Mander is a very significant figure in the trusts and private client world both in Cayman and internationally. He is admired for the depth of his knowledge, his intellectual ability and his congenial manner, all of which make him the ideal private client adviser." (2025 guide)
- "Henry Mander - a giant in the area"

- Legal 500, 2020 – 2025

Henry is consistently recognised by Chambers HNW and is ranked a Band 1 lawyer.

Recent testimonials include:

- A source said he is "very experienced and is my go-to person for complex matters. He is definitely a standout industry expert". He is further described as "strong all-round, with cross-border relationships to complement the full arena of planning capabilities" and "very well respected and knowledgeable on the structuring side. He is a real gentleman, very reliable and always reasonable." (2024 guide)
- A source said "Henry is knowledgeable and also very personable. He is very good with clients face to face, and he also has global awareness." With another adding "Henry is absolutely on the ball, he is extremely smart and comes up with very unique solutions." (2023 guide)
- He is described as a "top-class trust and equity adviser" who is "highly knowledgeable, technically excellent and can always be depended upon to provide timely, expert advice on difficult issues." (2022 guide)

- Chambers HNW, 2019 – 2024

Henry is recognised for his expertise in Cayman and BVI trust law.

- Spear's Tax & Trust Index 2024

Henry is consistently recognised as a global elite lawyer.

- Legal Week – Private Client Global Elite, 2019-2024

Henry is recommended as a global elite thought leader in the Private Client index.

- Lexology Index 2024

Henry is consistently recognised as a thought leader in the Who's Who Legal Global Elite - Private Client and Private Client guides.

- Who's Who Legal – 2020-2024

Henry is recognised as a leading lawyer and commended as "a leading Cayman non-contentious trust lawyer whose commercial and highly knowledgeable advice is invaluable to clients".

- Citywealth

Bar Admissions

British Virgin Islands

2011

Cayman Islands

2011

England and Wales (not practising)

2003

Education

College of Law (LPC)

2000

College of Law (CPE)

1999

University of Oxford (MA)

1998

"... one of the most knowledgeable advisers in the industry", "extremely efficient" and very responsive".

Legal 500