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Leading Set 2012

11 Stone Buildings is an insolvency law set that handles a good amount of company work as an offshoot. Areas which its barristers handle include shareholder disputes, directors' disqualifications, directors' duties, the allotment and transfer of shares, reductions of capital and procedural matters relating to companies such as meetings and resolutions. Commentators note the set has modernised greatly in recent years and now offers forward-thinking practitioners who understand the needs of modern solicitors. These counsel are ably assisted by clerks who are praised for "ensuring the work is done even when instructions to attend court have been sent at an hour's notice."

Jane Giret QC is "an extremely knowledgeable and persuasive advocate who often takes an unexpected stance and approaches cases from an interesting angle."

Marcia Shekerdemian is favoured for "her excellent way with judges, solicitors and clients." In a recent case, *Re Colliers International UK*, she represented a property consultant in relation to the cancellation of its share premium account. **Tina Kyriakides** recently acted in a substantial dispute relating to a share sale agreement and advised a majority shareholder of a company in relation to a section 994 petition. Commentators say: "She is easy to underestimate. She's no tub-thumper, but gets along very nicely indeed."

Leading Set 2011

11 Stone Buildings is well known for being a well-regarded insolvency practice that takes in a good deal of personal bankruptcy work. Running parallel to this, however, it also has a selection of very able company barristers who secure a small, although not inconsiderable, share of the market.

Jane Giret QC heads up the company team at the set. Much of her practice centres on work relating to company directors and their conduct, and she regularly handles directors' fraud and disqualification proceedings. Solicitors report that she is "a very good choice if you want someone to take a firm grip of a case and offer a strong strategic overview."

Marcia Shekerdemian was instructed on a number of company matters over the past year. These included acting for a company in its claim against a former director for misuse of company property and breach of trust. She is described as a “clever and hard-working advocate who is clear, straightforward and to the point.” Fellow junior **Tina Kyriakides** is “always pleasant to deal with” and praised by clients for her “friendly and approachable advice which is always easy to follow.” In *Grapevine Property Limited v Halcyon Days Limited*, she advised on the validity of board-approved transactions and the question of influence upon fellow directors.

Leading Set 2010

This “very approachable and accommodating set” maintains its steady position in the market due to the presence of a team of skilled company practitioners that is backed up by effective administration. The set’s client-friendly service is such that “it is very easy to pick up the telephone to 11SB and be pointed in the right direction straight away,” according to solicitors. The talented hands on board here include the “experienced and pragmatic” **Jane Giret QC**. She heads the set’s company and insolvency group, and has a broad practice strongly focused on company directors and their conduct. Sources say she “thinks quickly and is extremely commercial and practical in her outlook.” Junior **Tina Kyriakides** is an experienced adviser on contentious and non-contentious company and commercial matters. She has “a friendly and pleasant manner, and really knows her stuff,” according to peers. Recent matters for her include cases relating to CMC Group Holdings and BWE Limited. Also recommended, **Marcia Shekerdemian** is “good on paper and tough in court.” She won admiration from lawyers for being “a good team player who is willing to listen to input from her solicitors.”

Leading Set 2009

11 Stone Buildings has a notable presence in the market due to the fact that it has a large number of members practising in the area. Handling shareholders’ disputes, directors’ disqualifications, conspiracy and breaches of fiduciary duty, the members here regularly involve themselves in work of the highest quality. Cost-effective, they “look after their clients well and provide excellent advice.” **Jane Giret QC** has a broad practice that covers company law and chancery matters, among other areas. “A really strong advocate who gets the job done quickly and efficiently,” she handles both insolvency and company law effectively. **Marcia Shekerdemian** is an experienced junior who “pays great attention to detail - nothing escapes her notice.” Her strong presence on a case is undeniable and “she commands the respect of the courtroom with ease.” She is recommended along with **Tina Kyriakides**, “a highly pragmatic and responsive practitioner” who provides “client-friendly advice” on all aspects of company law.

Leading Junior 2008

“A pleasure to work with and extremely competent,” **Marcia Shekerdemian** of 11 Stone Buildings is well versed in the law surrounding directors’ disqualifications and shareholder disputes.

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Leading Silk 2003 - 2011

Leading Silk: Jane Giret QC

“Practical, sensible and responsive” **Jane Giret QC** and “legally and technically astute” **Tina Kyriakides** are the highlights of 11 Stone Buildings' company law practice. (2009)

Other individuals of note... **Jane Giret QC** of 11 Stone Buildings where the clerks are excellent. (2007)

Individuals from other sets who deserve to be highlighted are ... **Jane Giret QC** at 11 Stone Buildings. She has had another busy year, appearing in *Hatley v Morris*, *British Midland Tool*, and financial assistance case *Re In a flap envelope Co.* (2004)

Jane Giret QC at 11 Stone Buildings. Her particular forte is the law relating to company directors; recent work includes disqualification case *Secretary of State for Trade & Industry v Walker*. (2003)

Leading Junior 2008 - 2011

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Leading Junior 2011

Leading Junior: Max Mallin

Leading Junior 2008 - 2009

Leading Junior: Marcia Shekerdeman