

Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP Named a Top-Tier Firm by *The Legal 500 UK*

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In the 2015 edition of *The Legal 500 UK*, WilmerHale is named a top-tier firm for dispute resolution - international arbitration and crime, fraud and licensing - fraud: white-collar crime, and is recommended in six other practice areas. The guide also names three partners to its "Leading lawyers" list, and recognizes a total of nine of the firm's London-based lawyers.

In addition to the top-tier rankings, WilmerHale was recognized for:

- corporate and commercial - M&A: mid-market (£50m-£250m);
- corporate and commercial - financial services (contentious);
- corporate and commercial - venture capital;
- crime, fraud and licensing - corporate crime;
- dispute resolution - public international law; and
- human resources - employee share schemes.

For another consecutive year, Partners [Gary Born](#), [Steven Finizio](#) and [Stephen Pollard](#) were named elite "Leading lawyers" in their respective categories. Mr. Pollard was listed in corporate and commercial - financial services and crime, fraud and licensing - corporate crime and fraud categories; and Mr. Born and Mr. Finizio in dispute resolution - international arbitration.

The below commentary from *The Legal 500 UK* highlights the WilmerHale lawyers recognized in the 2015 edition.

Corporate and commercial - Financial services (contentious)

"At WilmerHale, Stephen Pollard is particularly noted for his representation of individuals, which stems from his 'vast experience, timely research and deep connections in the field.' [Elly Proudlock](#) and Associate [Alison Geary](#) are also recommended."

Corporate and commercial - M&A: mid-market

"At Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP, [Joe Pillman](#) and Michael Holter focus on transactions in the life sciences, aviation and TMT sectors, and advised NaturalMotion and its shareholders on its \$585m sale to Zynga."

Corporate and commercial - Venture capital

"WilmerHale handles work for investors and investees in the life sciences, technology and e-commerce sectors. The 'excellent' Joe Pillman advised Rockley Photonics on its \$4.3m Series A financing."

Crime, fraud and licensing - Fraud: corporate crime

"Led by the 'master tactician' Stephen Pollard, WilmerHale's 'committed' team advised on a number of high-profile investigations. The 'practical' [Christopher David](#) is also recommended."

Crime, fraud and licensing - Fraud: white-collar crime

"The 'tough but effective' Stephen Pollard leads an 'outstanding' team at WilmerHale, which offers 'the very highest level of service' in complex and high-profile cross-border cases. 'Dedicated' and 'clear sighted,' Elly Proudlock is 'a bright star.'"

Dispute resolution - International arbitration

"WilmerHale's experience includes multibillion-euro joint venture disputes. Gary Born is 'brilliant;' [Franz Schwarz](#) is 'an extraordinary advocate;' and Steven Finizio is highly rated."

Dispute resolution - Public international law

"WilmerHale is known for territorial boundaries and sovereignty over territory. It also advises on transnational enforcement issues, sovereign-related matters and legal proceedings asserting freedom of speech rights. Gary Born and Steven Finizio are recommended."

The Legal 500 recommends law firms and individuals based purely on merit. Researchers surveyed and interviewed more than 250,000 corporate counsel and clients over the course of 12 months. The list of WilmerHale's rankings, including commentary, can be viewed on [The Legal 500 website](#).