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## *Chambers UK* 2016 Recognizes WilmerHale for Outstanding Work and Reputation

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*Chambers UK: A Client's Guide to the UK Legal Profession* 2016 ranked five WilmerHale lawyers and two practices for outstanding work and reputation. The following UK-based lawyers were recognized as leading practitioners in their respective areas of law. Each is listed by the practice area(s) and region in which they are recommended:

### **Dispute Resolution: International Arbitration – UK-wide:**

*Chambers* said: "The 'spectacular' [Gary Born](#) maintains his 'stellar reputation' in the market, acting as counsel and as arbitrator in numerous high-stakes institutional and ad hoc arbitrations. His broad expertise encompasses oil and gas, financial services, joint ventures and IP disputes. According to clients, he is 'impressive in his ability to take in a large amount of new material, absorb the facts and nuances, and get a sense of what the client needs.'"

"[Steven Finizio](#) attracts praise from sources for his 'excellent knowledge of the law' and 'amazing understanding of the impact a case has on a client.' His deep expertise in gas price disputes means that he regularly represents energy companies before the ICC and in ad hoc arbitral proceedings."

"'Superb advocate' [Franz Schwarz](#) has extensive experience both as counsel and as arbitrator. His practice is predominantly focused on the financial services sector and disputes arising out of M&A and joint ventures. He is singled out by clients for his 'outstanding drafting' skills and his 'good understanding of both civil law and common law.'"

### **Financial Crime: Corporates – UK-wide:**

*Chambers* said: "According to observers, [Stephen Pollard](#) is "very, very bright and energetic, has the right level of involvement and is very quick to take in information." He frequently represents high-end investors and other corporates on a variety of issues from illegal trading to financial services fraud and competition matters."

## **Financial Crime: Individuals – UK-wide:**

*Chambers* said: "The 'brilliant' Stephen Pollard of WilmerHale is adept at defending senior professionals in sophisticated SFO and FCA prosecutions. Interviewees comment that he is 'very sophisticated in his advice, and he gives a lot of thought to legal and tactical situations.'"

## **Financial Services: Contentious Regulatory – UK-wide:**

*Chambers* said: "Stephen Pollard of WilmerHale is a 'highly talented' contentious practitioner well known for his representation of individuals in difficult criminal investigations and enforcement proceedings. He is currently involved in some of the largest market manipulation cases of the past decade."

## **Intellectual Property: Patent Litigation - London**

*Chambers* said: "[Anthony Trenton](#) of WilmerHale joined from Dentons in September 2014. He is best known for his handling of patent and trade mark cases, and is described as 'extremely diligent, very quick on turnaround and exceedingly thoughtful.'"

## **Public International Law – London:**

*Chambers* said: "Gary Born leads WilmerHale's international arbitration group, and attracts praise from peers and clients alike, who describe him as 'a phenomenal mind and a brilliant lawyer.' He is particularly active on investment treaty arbitrations, acting as counsel and also sitting as arbitrator in BIT disputes."

*Chambers UK* 2016 also ranked WilmerHale in:

## **Dispute Resolution: International Arbitration (London):**

*Chambers* said: "Outstanding international arbitration practice with an enviable track record handling complex institutional and ad hoc arbitrations. Significant experience in joint venture disputes and in the oil and gas sector."

## **Financial Crime: Corporates – London**

*Chambers* said: "Strong global white-collar crime practice recognised for its work representing clients in major SFO investigations. Counsels an array of corporates and individuals from various sectors including media, technology and banking."

Chambers and Partners determines its rankings after thousands of interviews with lawyers and clients. The [Chambers United Kingdom guide](#) ranks solicitors in more than 70 specialty areas of law. Since its first publication in 1990, *Chambers UK* has established a reputation as a respected

referral guide for leading law firms and individuals in the UK.