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Gary Born and John Pierce Named 2016 ILO Client Choice Award Recipients for Arbitration in the UK and United States

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Gary Born, chair of the International Arbitration Group at Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP, and John Pierce, head of the firm's International Arbitration Group in New York, have been named exclusive recipients of the International Law Office (ILO) 2016 Client Choice Awards for Arbitration in the UK and the United States, respectively. Mr. Born was also the winner of the Client Choice Award in 2012 and 2014. According to clients, Mr. Born "possesses one of the greatest minds of our time" and is "masterful in every facet of international arbitration." Mr. Pierce is lauded for "his outstanding arbitration practice" and "high level of commerciality."

Since 2005, the Client Choice Awards have recognized partners around the world who stand apart for the excellent client service they provide. The criteria for the awards focus on the ability to add real value to clients' businesses above and beyond other players in the market. Uniquely, these awards survey senior corporate counsel only, with this year's winners chosen from a pool of more than 2,500 individual client assessments.

Mr. Born is the world's leading authority on international arbitration and litigation. He is ranked as one of only two "Star Performers" in international arbitration by *Chambers Global* and as the sole "Star Performer" by *Chambers UK*. Among many accolades, he has been recognized as the London "Lawyer of the Year" for international arbitration by *Best Lawyers* for the past three years. He has participated in more than 600 international arbitrations, including four of the largest ICC arbitrations and several of the most significant ad hoc arbitrations in recent history. He is also the author of leading works on international arbitration, including *International Commercial Arbitration* (second edition, Kluwer 2014), the leading treatise in the field, which received the American Society of International Law's Certificate of Merit for High Technical Craftsmanship.

Mr. Pierce has been recognized as a leader in the field of international arbitration by *Chambers Global: The World's Leading Lawyers, Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business, The International Who's Who of Commercial Arbitration,* Euromoney's *Guide to the World's Leading Experts in Commercial Arbitration,* Legal Media Group's *The Best of the Best,* New York *SuperLawyers* and other publications. He has extensive experience handling international arbitration matters in venues throughout the world and has represented European, US, Latin American and other companies in a wide range of industries and sectors. He is a frequent writer and speaker on issues related to international dispute resolution. Among other publications, he is a co-author of *International Commercial Arbitration in New York* (2d ed. Oxford Press 2015)

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