

## *The Legal 500 UK* Recognizes Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP as a Top-Tier Firm

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In the 2016 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 four other practice areas. The guide also names four 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 - financial services (contentious);
- crime, fraud and licensing - corporate crime;
- dispute resolution - public international law; and
- TMT (technology, media and telecoms) – intellectual property.

Partners [Gary Born](#), [Steven Finizio](#), [Stephen Pollard](#) and [Franz Schwarz](#) 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, Mr. Finizio and Mr. Schwarz in dispute resolution - international arbitration.

The below commentary from *The Legal 500 UK* highlights the WilmerHale lawyers recognized in the 2016 edition.

### **Corporate and commercial - Financial services (contentious)**

"At WilmerHale, the 'pragmatic' Stephen Pollard is noted for his 'good judgement' and expertise representing individuals in high-profile enforcement cases. 'Highly analytical' counsel [Elly Proudlock](#) is also recommended."

### **Crime, fraud and licensing - Fraud: corporate crime**

"The level of service offered at WilmerHale 'consistently exceeds expectations'. Led by the 'clear-headed and technically skilled' Stephen Pollard, the team is involved in several of the most noteworthy investigations currently underway in the UK. [Christopher David](#) and [Alison Geary](#) are also recommended."

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

"Stephen Pollard, a 'polished and dedicated class-act', leads the white-collar crime team at WilmerHale. The group acts for both individuals and corporates and has been involved in eight of the SFO's top ten cases over the past two years."

#### **Dispute resolution - International arbitration**

"WilmerHale is 'a top international arbitration firm' that is widely respected for its track record in complex, high-value matters, including telecoms disputes and gas sales contract claims. Gary Born, Franz Schwarz and Steven Finizio are recommended, as is the 'diligent' [Duncan Speller](#)."

#### **Dispute resolution - Public international law**

"WilmerHale is well known for state-to-state matters, intra-state disputes and high-value investor-state arbitration; PIL issues arising in national courts; sovereign-related matters; and legal proceedings involving rights of freedom of speech and belief. Gary Born and Steven Finizio are recommended."

#### **TMT (technology, media and telecoms) – Intellectual property**

"WilmerHale is advising a major pharmaceutical company in relation to patent litigation in a number of European countries. [Anthony Trenton](#) is highly recommended for his litigation expertise."

*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](#).