

## *Who's Who Legal: Arbitration* Recognizes 22 WilmerHale Lawyers in 2019 Edition

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The 2019 edition of *Who's Who Legal: Arbitration* has recognized 22 WilmerHale lawyers for their industry-leading experience in international arbitration. This is up from 18 nominees in the 2018 edition.

Partners [Gary Born](#), [Steven Finizio](#), [Rachael Kent](#), [John Pierce](#) and [Franz Schwarz](#); Senior Counsel [James Carter](#); and Special Counsel Professor [Professor Dr. Paul Oberhammer](#) and [Professor Dr. Maxi Scherer](#) were all recognized in the 2019 edition as leading practitioners, with Born, Scherer, Carter, Finizio, Oberhammer, Pierce and Schwarz being additionally recognized as "Thought Leaders," a category reserved for the highest number of peer nominations globally.

In its "Arbitration 2019: Analysis," *Who's Who Legal: Arbitration* further highlighted the work of four lawyers from the firm's London office:

- **Gary Born** is a "massively influential" name in the field who is "one of the very best" in the market. Sources are quick to comment on "his brilliant strategic mind" and note that he "outclasses many other veterans with his competence and charm."
- **Steven Finizio** is a highly regarded expert in commercial and regulatory dispute resolution. Peers describe him as "a pleasure to work with" and speak highly of his strong experience resolving energy-sector disputes.
- **Maxi Scherer**, is a leading practitioner in this year's research, standing out as "a brilliant legal mind" who "combines strong judgement with a calm and controlled manner." Peers speak highly of "her excellent combination of academia and practice" and she is widely known as "one of the most prominent arbitration scholars in Europe."
- **Franz Schwarz** "seems to possess the winning gene" as counsel, say peers, who note that he "demonstrates a firm grasp of the most complicated aspects of any dispute." He is also lauded as "an excellent and extremely well-prepared arbitrator" by market commentators.

We are particularly proud to announce that Partners [Charlie Caher](#) and [Duncan Speller](#); Counsel

Michelle Bock, Olga Braeuer, Sarah Ganz, Michael Howe, Victoria Narancio, Helmut Ortner and Amélie Skierka; and Senior Associates Georg Adler, Santiago Bejarano, Jonathan Lim, Dharshini Prasad and Marija Scekc were singled out as “Future Leaders” who “stand out as among the best of their generation.” Charlie Caher wins high praise as “a brilliant lawyer” with “a sharp analytical mind and excellent strategic skills,” while Duncan Speller is viewed as “extremely smart” and a “quick thinker.” Sarah Ganz, named as the second most highly regarded non-partner in Europe, is described as “an incredibly clever and pragmatic lawyer.” Michelle Bock is applauded as “smart and thorough” and Jonathan Lim as “highly intelligent, articulate and very professional.” Helmut Ortner is commended for his “excellent strategic skills” and Olga Braeuer for her “clear and analytical approach.”

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