

Chambers Recognizes Top WilmerHale UK Lawyers and Practices

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Chambers UK: A Client's Guide to the UK Legal Profession 2013 ranked eight 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:

Competition: White Collar Crime: Cartel Defense – UK-wide:

Chambers said:

"Bright, hard-working' [Stephen Pollard](#) is cited by peers as 'someone I would go to, to represent me.' Sources commend him for his strategic approach and for being 'highly empathetic without being soft - he conveys a sense of calm and control.'"

"The 'absolutely brilliant' [Elly Proudlock](#) (named an Associate to Watch) enters the rankings backed by extensive feedback from clients and peers. She is praised as being 'supremely well prepared and fantastically committed.'"

Dispute Resolution: International Arbitration – London:

Chambers said:

"Practice leader and 'superstar' [Gary Born](#) (named a Star Individual) is praised as 'one of the best in the world,' and is justifiably regarded as 'something very special.' Sources comment on his breadth of expertise in the arena, noting that 'he is just fantastic as counsel and arbitrator.' He has led on a large number of often complex and high-value arbitrations over the past year."

"[Steven Finizio](#) is a highly regarded member of the team and is commended for his excellent advocacy skills. His practice focuses largely on commercial arbitrations, where he offers notable depth of expertise in the energy arena."

"The 'very experienced' [Franz Schwarz](#) is vice chair of the practice group and is well respected by peers and clients alike. He sits as arbitrator and is also an 'extremely effective advocate.' He is

qualified as an Austrian Rechtsanwalt and offers a broad spread of experience across a range of jurisdictions."

Financial Services: Contentious Regulatory – UK-wide:

Chambers said: "The 'first-rate' [Stephen Pollard](#) has a 'pre-eminent reputation for acting for senior individuals' who are the focus of FSA investigations. He has 'extensive experience, a cool head, and manages the individuals very well,' peers add."

Fraud: Criminal – UK-wide:

Chambers said: "[Stephen Pollard](#) (named a Star Individual) has a towering reputation for fraud work, with impressed sources praising him as an 'extremely good strategist,' who is also 'very good at client care' and 'an excellent team leader who brings a wealth of experience to any case he is involved in.'"

Public International Law – London:

Chambers said: "[Gary Born](#) is held in high regard for his 'great depth and breadth of knowledge and sophisticated thinking.' Although his prowess in the commercial arbitration arena is well known, he also offers strength in investment treaty matters and has worked on several high-value disputes in this area in the last year. He also handles non-contentious public international law matters."

Chambers UK 2013 also ranked WilmerHale in two practices:

Competition: White Collar Crime: Cartel Defense (UK-wide)

Chambers said: "WilmerHale has set itself up as a serious contender with the hire of Stephen Pollard. The expanding team offers widespread experience in matters such as fraud, market abuse and cartel defense. The group is also able to draw on WilmerHale's recognized strengths across the US and in Brussels."

Dispute Resolution: International Arbitration (London)

Chambers said: "WilmerHale's London arbitration practitioners form part of a truly premier practice. The 'exceptional team' is equally distinguished in both commercial and investment treaty disputes, and draws praise for its dedicated approach to international arbitration. This dedication is illustrated by its expertise in all aspects of the field, and its caseload regularly includes matters valued in the billions of dollars. It is equally comfortable representing states, individuals and companies, and offers renowned strength in advocacy. The team is also noted for its experience in financial services, oil and gas and insurance-related disputes."

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