

GAR Again Includes WilmerHale Among Top Five Arbitration Practices in the World

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Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr is again included in the elite *Global Arbitration Review GAR* 30 list, a subset of its annual *GAR* 100 that identifies the world's most active international arbitration practices. This is the sixth edition of *GAR*'s annual rankings, with the firm having been listed among the top firms since its inception.

This year's rankings are the result of a refined process, as compared to previous years, in that "the rankings are not purely results-oriented, but look at the general health of the practice, rewarding well-roundedness," according to GAR managing editor David Samuels. Factors taken into account include the number of merits hearings and jurisdictional hearings the firms have participated in over the past two years and the number of practitioners who appear in *GAR*'s sister publication, *The International Who's Who of Commercial Arbitration*. For the first time this year, the formula also takes into account the number of billable hours generated by international arbitration work—cross-checked carefully against the size of the firm's arbitration team.

"Last year was a busy one for us and this year is proving the same," said Gary Born, chair of the firm's International Arbitration Group. "With this recognition, it's nice to take a moment to reflect on all that we have accomplished and to know we have the industry's respect as we continue our efforts."

Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr has been involved in more than 600 proceedings in recent years. It has successfully represented clients in four of the largest institutional arbitrations and several of the most significant ad hoc arbitrations to arise in the past decade, and also pride itself on consistently achieving its client's objectives in all cases, through efficient staffing and the use of in-house know-how and precedents. The group is often recognized for its work, most recently named by the U.S. News Media Group and *Best Lawyers* as "Law Firm of the Year" in International Arbitration as part of its 2013 "Best Law Firms" list.

The full GAR 30 methodology, commentary and the GAR 100 survey is now available.