

Legal 500 UK 2012 Recognizes WilmerHale's London Offices

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The Legal 500, the United Kingdom's guide to outstanding lawyers, has announced its annual rankings selecting WilmerHale as a top tier law firm in dispute resolution – international arbitration, and highly recommending the firm in seven other categories. The guide recognized four lawyers on its elite "leading lawyers" list, *The Legal 500* UK as well as 10 lawyers in the London offices.

The firm was recognized for its work in the following categories: corporate and commercial - financial services - financial services (contentious); corporate and commercial - M&A: mid-market; corporate and commercial - venture capital; crime, fraud and licensing - fraud: white-collar crime; dispute resolution - public international law; human resources - employee share schemes; transport - aviation.

For another consecutive year, Partners Gary Born and Steven Finizio were named "elite" individuals in dispute resolution along with the London office's recent addition, Stephen Pollard. Pollard was also listed as a leading lawyer in crime, fraud and licensing – fraud, as well as corporate and commercial - financial services categories.

Please find below a further breakdown of WilmerHale lawyers who have

been recognized in their respective areas:

Corporate and commercial - Financial services

The Legal 500 UK said:

"Kingsley Napley LLP saw Stephen Pollard leave for WilmerHale, but remains active in a range of regulatory investigations"

Corporate and commercial - M&A: mid-market

The Legal 500 UK said:

"The 'bright and thorough' Michael Holter"

"The 'highly effective' Tim Corbett"

Corporate and commercial - Venture capital

The Legal 500 UK said:

"WilmerHale has 'a number of bright lawyers who quickly get to the heart of the commercial issues'... Joe Pillman heads the team"

"Tim Corbett has a 'non-aggressive negotiation style that serves clients well"

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

The Legal 500 UK said:

"WilmerHale's offering has been enhanced by the addition of the 'very bright and tenacious' Stephen Pollard"

Dispute resolution - International arbitration

The Legal 500 UK said:

"The 'stellar' Gary Born, is 'outstanding'"

"Steven Finizio is a 'top-quality advocate'"

Dispute resolution - Public international law

The Legal 500 UK said:

"Department head Gary Born is widely praised"

Transport - Aviation

The Legal 500 UK said:

"Michael Holter is recommended for corporate matters, and Duncan Speller for aviation disputes"

This year marks the 25th anniversary of the The Legal 500 series. It has become widely regarded as the world's largest independent legal referral guide. Firms and individuals are recommended purely on merit. Researchers surveyed and interviewed more than 250,000 corporate counsel globally over the course of 12 months. The 2012 edition of *The Legal 500* UK can be found on their website.