

The Legal 500 UK Honors WilmerHale with Top Rankings in 2014 Edition

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The Legal 500, the United Kingdom's guide to outstanding lawyers, has again selected WilmerHale as a top-tier law firm in dispute resolution - international arbitration, and highly recommends the firm in nine other categories. In two of the categories, the firm's rankings improved over last year. In the corporate and commercial - financial services (contentious) category, WilmerHale's ranking was elevated two tiers and in crime, fraud and licensing - corporate crime, one tier. The guide also names three lawyers to its "leading individuals" list, and recognizes a total of eight of the firm's London-based lawyers.

In addition to the top-tier and improved rankings, WilmerHale was recognized in:

- corporate and commercial - M&A: mid-market (£50m-£250m);
- corporate and commercial - venture capital;
- crime, fraud and licensing - fraud: white-collar crime;
- dispute resolution - public international law;
- human resources - employee share schemes; and
- transport - aviation.

In addition, for another consecutive year, Partners [Gary Born](#), [Steven Finizio](#) and [Stephen Pollard](#) were named leading individuals in their respective categories. Pollard was listed in corporate and commercial - financial services and crime, fraud and licensing - corporate crime and fraud categories; and Born and Finizio in dispute resolution - international arbitration.

The below commentary from *The Legal 500 UK* highlights the WilmerHale lawyers who have been recognized.

Corporate and commercial - Financial services (contentious)

"At WilmerHale, the 'very experienced' and 'highly tactical' Stephen Pollard is the 'go-to-person for individual representations in the context of a regulatory investigation.' Pollard is often 'ably assisted' by [Elly Proudlock](#) who has 'an excellent understanding of the regulatory issues.'"

Corporate and commercial - M&A: mid-market

"Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP's three-partner team specializes in cross-border

corporate transactions."

Corporate and commercial - Venture capital

"Headed by the 'superb' [Joe Pillman](#), WilmerHale is 'excellent at clean energy and life sciences' matters."

Crime, fraud and licensing - Fraud: corporate crime

"At WilmerHale, 'outstanding all-round lawyer' Stephen Pollard leads a recently established but progressive team which includes Elly Proudlock and [Christopher David](#)."

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

"At WilmerHale, department head Stephen Pollard 's 'perfectionist judgment' is complemented by the 'quiet, confident accuracy' of Elly Proudlock."

Dispute resolution - International arbitration

"WilmerHale offers 'creative solutions.' Gary Born has 'outstanding analytical skills.'"

Dispute resolution - Public international law

"WilmerHale offers an 'outstanding overall performance.'"

Transport - Aviation

"WilmerHale is noted for its regulatory, antitrust, corporate and litigation expertise in the aviation arena. Michael Holter and [Duncan Speller](#) are singled out for praise."

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