

WilmerHale Ranks Among PLC's "Global 50"

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PLC Which Lawyer? Yearbook 2006 ranked WilmerHale among the top 50 law firms in the world, with six WilmerHale lawyers ranked as "leading" lawyers in their respective practice areas. The firm was also recommended in 11 key practice areas in Europe and the US.

The *PLC Which Lawyer? Yearbook* identifies the leading lawyers and law firms in the key international corporate and commercial practice areas in over 70 jurisdictions worldwide. These recommendations are based on research surveys given to in-house counsel from the 5,000 companies associated with PLC Law Department, and upon interviews with private practitioners. The guide recognizes those 50 law firms that received the greatest depth of recommendations across the research for 2006.

Based on PLC's research, "The merger of the two US firms which formed this powerhouse in 2004 has proved to be a resounding success. WilmerHale continues to expand and has recently opened an office in Palo Alto in order to tap into the intellectual property market in the rejuvenated Silicon Valley region. The firm is now looking to expand its finance practices further in order to establish itself in the lucrative US corporate market. Its dynamic European practice twinned with its US presence give WilmerHale the ideal platform from which it can launch its bid to establish itself as a global giant."

The following is a list of WilmerHale lawyers—along with their recommended region and practice area—who were found to possess the utmost talent and knowledge in their respective areas of law: Mark Borden (corporate/M&A and private equity/venture capital, US: Boston); Gary Born (dispute resolution, England & Wales); William Lee (dispute resolution and intellectual property, US: Boston and patent litigation, US: National); Alfred Server (life sciences: commercial and partnering, US: National); Steven Singer (life sciences: commercial and partnering, US: National); and Seth Waxman (dispute resolution, US: Washington, DC).

The firm has been recommended in the following practice areas: Competition/anti-trust; Corporate real estate; Corporate/M&A; Dispute resolution; Environment; Finance: banking and debt finance; Finance: equity capital markets; Intellectual property; IT and e-commerce; Labor and employee benefits; Life sciences; Private equity/venture capital; Restructuring and insolvency; Tax; and Telecommunications.

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