

WilmerHale's London and Oxford Offices Praised in 2004 UK *Legal 500*

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TheLegal 500, a leading reference for commercial law firms, has recognized WilmerHale as a leading law firm in 14 categories, highlighting the extensive scope of the practices created by the spring 2004 merger of legacy firms, Hale and Dorr and Wilmer Cutler Pickering. *The Legal 500* had the following to say about the combined firm:

"On 31 May 2004, *Wilmer Cutler Pickering LLP* and *Hale and Dorr LLP* merged to form WilmerHale. In London the merger creates a 79-fee-earner office, and brings together *Wilmer Cutlers* leading practices in transport, financial services, investment funds, M&A and private equity, and *Hale and Dorr's* strength in the technology industry, especially providing corporate finance advice to the TMT sector. It also unites *Wilmer Cutlers* London-based first-rate international arbitration practice, led by American-qualified Gary Born, with a contentious IP practice at *Hale and Dorr* led by partner Robert Barry, who joined in 2003 from Allen & Overy LLP."

Broken down by region, the firm was recommended in London in the following categories: Arbitration; Aviation: airlines, airports and regulatory; Domestic Flotations; Dual US/UK Law Capability: 50-100 fee-earners; EU and Competition; Financial Services; Investment Funds; M&A: also recommended; M&A: US law capability; Private Equity; Public International Law; and Telecommunications. The firm's Oxford practice was selected in the Corporate and Commercial Thames Valley, Berks, Oxon, M4/M40 and Information Technology categories for the South East region.

In addition, several individual attorneys were recognized for their prowess in their respective area(s), with listings in the "Who's Who" section of *The Legal 500*: [Gary B. Born](#) (Arbitration), David Capps (Financial Services), Simon Firth (Financial Services, Investment Funds), James Greig (Corporate and Commercial, Financial Services), Michael Holter (Aviation, Corporate and Commercial, Telecommunications), Suyong Kim (EU and Competition), Dieter G. Lange (Aviation, Corporate and Commercial, Telecommunications), [John A. Trenor](#) (Public International Law) and [Paul A. von Hehn](#) (Aviation, Corporate and Commercial, Telecommunications).

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