

PLC Which lawyer?

The environment law firm elite 2009



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Andre Brown reveals the results of ^{PLC}Which lawyer's Environment Super League.

The ^{PLC}Environment Super League showcases the law firms that have most successfully developed and maintained global practices in line with market developments and client needs in recent times.

Rankings are based on research conducted by ^{PLC}Which lawyer? (see www.whichlawyer.com), and reflect the position online as at 1 November 2009.

Methodology

■ **Basis of research.** Our research is based on surveys of general counsel drawn from ^{PLC}Law Department Profiles, as well as client feedback and peer reviews by lawyers in or active in each jurisdiction. On the basis of the research, we rank law firms and endorse individual lawyers

for their expertise in the relevant practice area (see *Research methodology*, <http://whichlawyer.practicallaw.com/0-102-6792>).

■ **Rankings.** Law firms are ranked in each practice area as “leading”, “highly recommended”, “recommended” or “recognised” in the jurisdictions in which they have a presence or relevant capability. Leading environmental lawyers are also singled out during the research.

■ **Super League calculations.** The ^{PLC}Which lawyer? Environment Super League results are calculated by aggregating the results of law firm and lawyer recommendations in the environment practice area across 37 jurisdic-

tions, with different points allocated to the level of recommendation. Firm recommendations are given more weighting than individual lawyer endorsements. To qualify for inclusion in the Super League, a firm must receive recommendations for environment in a minimum of two jurisdictions.

Firms are ranked by total score. If firms receive identical scores they are ranked in accordance with which firm has the most recommended lawyers.

■ **Policy on mergers.** Points are aggregated if a full merger has been implemented or formally announced before the calculations for the Super Leagues commence. Points for correspondent and alliance firms are not aggregated.

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Rank	Firm	Total score	Number of recommended lawyers	Recommended in...
1	Baker & McKenzie LLP	78	12	Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Chile, China, Czech Republic, France, Hong Kong, Japan, Mexico, Spain
2	Clifford Chance	78	10	China, Czech Republic, England, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Italy, The Netherlands, Poland, Spain and USA (Washington DC)
3	Allen & Overy LLP	66	10	Belgium, China, England, European Union, France, Germany, Italy, Luxembourg, The Netherlands, Poland and USA (New York)
4	Sidley Austin LLP	44	9	China, European Union and USA (Washington DC, Chicago, New York)
5	White & Case	42	8	China, European Union, Germany, Hungary, South Africa and USA (New York)
6	Linklaters LLP	40	5	Belgium, China, England, Hong Kong, Portugal and Spain
7	Latham & Watkins	38	6	Germany and USA (Los Angeles, San Francisco, Washington DC)
8	Jones Day	34	6	England, France, Spain and USA (Washington DC, New York)
9	Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer	34	4	Austria, England, France, Germany and Spain
=10	Morrison & Foerster LLP	30	4	China, Japan and USA (Los Angeles, San Francisco)
=10	Mallesons Stephen Jaques	30	4	Australia, China and Hong Kong
12	Hunton & Williams LLP	28	6	European Union and USA (Washington DC)
13	Mayer Brown LLP	28	4	China, England, European Union, Hong Kong and USA (Chicago)
14	Stibbe	24	5	Belgium and The Netherlands
15	Uría Menéndez	22	4	Portugal and Spain
16	CMS Cameron McKenna	22	3	Czech Republic, England and Poland

■ **Firm names.** Firm names are abbreviated to those used in the home jurisdiction.

■ **About ^{PLC}Which lawyer?** ^{PLC}Which lawyer? is added to and updated continuously online. For a full explanation

of the research and practice areas/sub-categories covered, please visit www.whichlawyer.com.

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