



ABOUT THE INTERNATIONAL LAW OFFICE

Launched in 1998, the International Law Office (ILO) is one of the leading legal update services for major companies worldwide. With over 23,000 subscribers, it is a key portal through which law firms can communicate with clients. Recognized for the pre-eminent service it provides, ILO became the Official Online Media Partner to the International Bar Association in 2002 and an International Online Media Partner to the Association of Corporate Counsel in 2005.

ABOUT THE CLIENT CHOICE AWARDS

In April 2005 ILO launched the Client Choice Awards to recognize those law firms around the world that stand apart for the excellent client care they provide and the quality of their service. The criteria for the awards focused on law firms' ability to add real value to their clients' business above and beyond the other players in the market. The shortlist was generated from an ILO subscriber survey of corporate counsel only, which received over 1,000 responses. The firms were assessed on the following criteria: quality of legal advice; value for money; commercial awareness; effective communication; billing transparency; tailored fee structures; depth of team; response time; sharing of expertise; and use of technology. The awards research team also conducted interviews and additional research to establish this year's shortlist. Winners have been chosen across 34 jurisdictions worldwide, and only where sufficient data was available. While based on thorough and coherent research, the results remain the subjective views of the ILO team.

LIST OF WINNERS

ARGENTINA

MARVAL O'FARRELL & MAIRAL

"They never fail to deliver; their level of professionalism in all areas really makes them stand out from the crowd."

AUSTRALIA

MALLESONS STEPHEN JAQUES

"I can best summarize my views by saying that, if our company was forced to use only one law firm, it would be Mallesons Stephen Jaques. Its overall strength and depth are very sound in all the areas in which our company would want legal advice."

AUSTRIA

PRESLMAYR ATTORNEYS AT LAW

"Preslmayr is more solid, more reliable and faster than any of the other Austrian law firms that I have used. I was pleasantly surprised by the consistent quality and response times provided by their staff."

BELGIUM

LOYENS

"We found Loyens very responsive and practical; the firm offers a strong combination of (general) corporate and tax advice and is able to take into account the commercial aspects of the legal assignments."

BRAZIL

TRENCH, ROSSI E WATANABE ADVOGADOS

"An exceptional customized service, outstanding results. First class!"

CANADA

FRASER MILNER CASGRAIN LLP

"An excellent team of lawyers who always provide relevant and high-quality advice. They have been extremely helpful over the past year."

CHILE

CAREY Y CÍA

"They have given us excellent service and have good depth of highly qualified personnel. Their ethics are impeccable, and command the highest level of respect and trust. When the going gets really tough, these are the experts and 'stand-up' guys that I want by my side."

CHINA

BAKER & MCKENZIE

"The quality of legal advice has always been of a high standard and is supplemented by real understanding of our business and a welcome openness in their billings."

CZECH REPUBLIC

SQUIRE, SANDERS & DEMPSEY V.O.S., ADVOKÁTNÍ KANCELÁŘ

"I found the flexibility in the fee structures particularly useful and it ensured the service was excellent value for money."

DENMARK

KROMANN REUMERT

"I believe that Kromann Reumert's strengths lie in their ability to give clear and professional advice tailored specifically to the needs of the client."

FINLAND

BORENIUS & KEMPPINEN

"Their strengths lie in the ability to listen and understand the client. We were also very impressed by their responsiveness."

FRANCE

SULLIVAN & CROMWELL

"Deep and solid knowledge and experience add lots of value for the transaction, including from the business side."

GERMANY

FRESHFIELDS BRUCKHAUS DERINGER

"They are very sensitive to the needs of a multinational client and provide excellent service. They also permit in-house counsel to participate in the process to help keep fees down."

HONG KONG

ALLENS ARTHUR ROBINSON

"They make clear, decisive recommendations without 'sitting on the fence'. They respond extremely well to time constraints without any detraction from the thoroughness or overall quality of their work. They ensure that we are alive to commercial realities to weigh against the strictly legal approach."

INDIA

MULLA & MULLA & CRAIGIE BLUNT & CAROE

"I found their depth of knowledge combined with their understanding of our business a truly winning formula. Unbeatable."

IRELAND

MATHESON ORMSBY PRENTICE

"They are the best lawyers I have hired anywhere on the globe. Superlative in every way. Wish I could score them 11s!"

ITALY

BAKER & MCKENZIE LLP

"Their enthusiasm has always impressed us and the depth of their team is astonishing. They add real value to our business."

JAPAN

MORRISON & FOERSTER ITO & MITOMI

“Their experience and knowledge of the Japanese market really set them apart. Transparency is another area in which they excel.”

MEXICO

GALICIA Y ROBLES, SC

“A faultless performance on the service side. We found them responsive and excellent value.”

THE NETHERLANDS

HOUTHOFF BURUMA

“Unstinting dedication and available around the clock. They take client service to a new level.”

NEW ZEALAND

PHILLIPS FOX

“A strong team that is very commercially aware and knows how business works.”

NORWAY

WIERSHOLM, MELLBYE & BECH, ADVOKATFIRMA AS

“In the arena of communication and the sharing of expertise, we found them to be particularly strong.”

POLAND

DEWEY BALLANTINE GRZESIAK SPÓŁKA KOMANDYTOWA

“They are extremely commercially aware and are always quick to respond to change, which shows a real understanding of the way in which businesses work.”

PORTUGAL

MORAIS LEITÃO, GALVÃO TELES, SOARES DA SILVA & ASSOCIADOS

“Committed and cooperative. Combine great commercial acumen with impeccable judgement and common sense.”

RUSSIA

WHITE & CASE LLC

“They are a true partner and contributor to the Russian professional community.”

SINGAPORE

ALLEN & GLEDHILL

“Their support has been tireless, timely and ‘spot-on’. I value their honesty, integrity, counsel and friendship.”

SOUTH AFRICA

BOWMAN GILFILLAN INC

“The people there are very professional and exceptionally easy to work with. Always provide solid and reliable work.”

SPAIN
CUATRECASAS

“They have proved to be proactive and advise us of any relevant changes to the law and regulations which will impact us, including recommendations for change.”

SWEDEN
MANNHEIMER SWARTLING

“Mannheimer Swartling has a solid reputation in Sweden, which they also live up to. They are very professional, have a high knowledge level and they always deliver.”

SWITZERLAND
HOMBURGER

“They are technically excellent and commercially astute, and thus capable of providing sensible, pragmatic input on all matters. Really client focused with an exemplary awareness of urgency.”

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES
DENTON WILDE SAPTE

“They combine an excellent commercial service with real value for money. Great work on a complicated transaction.”

UNITED KINGDOM
CLIFFORD CHANCE LLP

“They provided excellent client service, were timely and practical in their approaches to our issues. Overall, the matter was handled in a highly professional, client-focused and competent matter. The price was surprisingly cost-effective for a magic circle firm.”

USA
FULBRIGHT & JAWORSKI LLP

“They have efficiently and properly advised us on different important projects for many years. They fulfil all of the Client Choice criteria to a high standard and frequently bend over backwards (and sideways) to meet client needs.”

INTERNATIONAL
SKADDEN ARPS SLATE MEAGHER & FLOM LLP

“I am extremely pleased with their service, particularly the way they grasp subject matters quickly and handle them expeditiously. Across the board they are responsive and helpful.”