
CHAMBERS GLOBAL 2026

The Leading Lawyers and Law Firms Globally

Outsourcing

How lawyers are ranked

Every year we carry out thousands of in-depth interviews with clients in order to assess the reputations and expertise of business lawyers worldwide. The qualities we look for (and which determine rankings) include technical legal ability, professional conduct, client service, commercial awareness/astuteness, diligence, commitment, and other qualities most valued by the client.

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Band 1

Baker McKenzie

What the team is known for

Baker McKenzie has strong technology and outsourcing practices throughout the USA and the UK as well as Europe and Asia. The law firm offers:

Strengths

"Baker McKenzie has a robust practice and a good global footprint, a capable team for outsourcing."

"The Baker McKenzie team is very clear in its advice, pragmatic and also very commercial and creative in its insights and towards regulatory matters."

Notable practitioners

Steve Holmes acts as the co-lead of Baker McKenzie's EMEA IP, technology and data teams. Holmes' practice spans complex outsourcing matters and transactions across EMEA. **Strengths:** *"Steve Holmes is is great, he is very technical."* *"Steve is great to work with."*

DLA Piper LLP

What the team is known for

DLA Piper is noted for its impressive global footprint and renowned for its handling of cutting-edge cross-border outsourcing deals featuring blue-chip global corporates. The law firm offers:

Strengths

"DLA Piper has global reach, depth of local market experience and deep expertise in outsourcing transactional work."

"The DLA Piper team is efficient, flexible and has depth of experience."

Notable practitioners

Kit Burden is a key partner at the firm. He often works with financial institutions and tech companies on complex outsourcing transactions.

Band 2

Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP

What the team is known for

Morgan, Lewis & Bockius is recognised for the strength of its global outsourcing practice, particularly strong for its USA market presence. The law firm offers:

Strengths

"My experience with Morgan Lewis has been excellent. The team is thorough, attentive to all our needs and also very commercial in its advice."

"The Morgan Lewis team is incredibly practical, commercial, hardworking and its product and

ethics is top notch."

Notable practitioners

Barbara Murphy Melby is recognised as a prominent partner noted for her leadership in the outsourcing and technology space. Melby's practice covers advising on large-scale deals for leading companies in the tech and pharmaceutical industries. **Strengths:** *"Barbara is very practical in her insights, very knowledgeable of course and more-over very very hard working and just gets things done."* *"Barbara Melby is a legend in the outsourcing space."* *"Barbara is solid, has a wealth of experience and is very nimble in her advice."* London-based Mike Pierdies serves as deputy leader of Morgan Lewis' technology, outsourcing, and commercial transactions practice. Pierdies' practice covers business process outsourcing and information technology outsourcing deals globally.

Morrison Foerster

What the team is known for

Morrison Foerster is particularly respected for its outsourcing expertise in the USA, and also enjoys a strong reputation in the UK and Asia. The law firm offers:

Strengths

"Morrison Foerster has very responsive and seasoned experts that provide depth of knowledge and breadth of experience in terms of the types of cases it handles."

Notable practitioners

New York based Vivian Hanson is a distinguished figure in the outsourcing space. Hanson's practice covers advising on complex multi-jurisdictional outsourcing deals.

Pillsbury

What the team is known for

Pillsbury is consistently regarded as an outstanding US outsourcing practice that acts for an impressive roster of clients. The law firm offers:

Notable practitioners

Elizabeth Zimmer acts as global head of global sourcing & technology transactions for the firm. Zimmer's practice covers advising tech, financial

and fintech companies on industry-changing outsourcing transactions.

Band 3

Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner LLP

What the team is known for

Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner is a notable outsourcing practice with considerable depth in the UK and supporting expertise derived from offices around the world, particularly in the USA. The law firm offers:

Notable practitioners

Marcus Pearl serves as the Global Head of the firm's technology & commercial group. Pearl's practice spans advising corporates on complex outsourcing matters and transactions as well as expertise in financial services and technology sectors.

Eversheds Sutherland

What the team is known for

Eversheds Sutherland is held in high regard for its legal capabilities in outsourcing, acting for both service providers and customers in diverse sectors. The law firm offers:

Strengths

"Eversheds Sutherland has a wealth of experience within various industries and is a subject matter expert."

"The Eversheds team takes the time to get to know their clients, their priorities and risk attitudes."

Notable practitioners

A key contact is Peter Quittmeyer, who heads the US wing of the firm's technology and outsourcing practice.

Herbert Smith Freehills Kramer LLP

What the team is known for

Herbert Smith Freehills Kramer has a well-established UK outsourcing practice combined with considerable expertise in Australia and the Asia-Pacific region. The law firm offers:

Notable practitioners

Key contacts include Nick Pantlin in London and Julian Lincoln in Melbourne, as well as Tokyo-based Graeme Preston.

Latham & Watkins LLP

What the team is known for

Latham & Watkins continues to be a major player for global outsourcing, with strong departments in the UK and the USA. The law firm offers:

Notable practitioners

Key contacts at the firm include London-based partners Gail Crawford and Andrew Moyle, and Sarah Gagan, who is based in Boston.

Linklaters

What the team is known for

Linklaters is adept in a number of areas related to outsourcing, and is well equipped to handle both domestic and international mandates, with the London office drawing especially high praise. The law firm offers:

Notable practitioners

London-based Richard Cumbley and Brussels-based Tanguy Van Overstraeten are important contacts for clients.

Mayer Brown LLP

What the team is known for

Mayer Brown is a leading US outsourcing team with strong support from expertise based in London and Hong Kong. The law firm offers:

Strengths

"Mayer Brown has a global footprint and do some good work."

Notable practitioners

Chicago-based Brad Peterson is a key contact in the outsourcing department of the firm.

Band 4

Bird & Bird

What the team is known for

Bird & Bird benefits from the firm's extensive experience advising high-profile international companies on outsourcing matters. It maintains a strong presence in the UK and is also noted for the depth of its resources in continental Europe, Asia-Pacific and the Middle East. The law firm offers:

Notable practitioners

Mark Leach, based in London, heads the firm's International Outsourcing group.

Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP

What the team is known for

Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher is widely regarded for its notable outsourcing practice and deep industry knowledge. The firm is retained by major clients in the tech, financial, retail and hospitality spaces to advise on transactional outsourcing projects spanning multiple jurisdictions. The law firm offers:

Notable practitioners

Key contacts include New York-based Stephen Nordahl and Daniel Angel as well as California-based William Peters and Carrie LeRoy.

Norton Rose Fulbright

What the team is known for

Norton Rose Fulbright continues to leverage the firm's institutional client base to advise on large-scale business process outsourcing projects. The law firm offers:

Notable practitioners

Atlanta based Charles Hollis is recognised as a seasoned lawyer with deep specialised expertise in technology outsourcing and digital transformation deals.

Pinsent Masons

What the team is known for

Pinsent Masons is an active player in the outsourcing market working on a wide range of commercially innovative outsourcing mandates. The law firm offers:

Notable practitioners

Angus McFadyen is a key contact in the firm's London office.

Other Ranked Lawyers

Vinny Sanchez acts as global co-chair of DLA's technology and outsourcing team. Sanchez's practice covers advising global companies on complex technology, outsourcing and commercial transactions including digital transformation.

Strengths: *"Vinny Sanchez is a great guy. He is so down to earth and so knowledgeable." "Vinny Sanchez is a terrific lawyer with an amazingly broad portfolio of knowledge in the IT space. He is responsive to his clients and focused on making sure we have good outcomes."*