
CHAMBERS GLOBAL 2026

The Leading Lawyers and Law Firms Globally

Tax

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

A&O Shearman

What the team is known for

A&O Shearman is a respected firm operating in a number of jurisdictions, with particularly strong European and Australian hubs. Additionally, A&O Shearman leverages its global footprint to advise a number of high-profile investment groups on large-scale cross-border transactions. The law firm offers:

Strengths

"A&O Shearman is able to cut through the great detail of our transactions and the complexity of the matters involved to address the important issues at hand with clarity."

"The professional service of A&O Shearman is consistently outstanding."

"A&O Shearman has an experienced team and the ability to mobilise significant resources."

Notable practitioners

Chris Harrison is the firm's global head of tax and based in London, whilst Larry Crouch heads the US tax practice.

Baker McKenzie

What the team is known for

Baker McKenzie is a market-leading global practice with offices in key worldwide jurisdictions. Baker McKenzie regularly represents multinationals, banks and other financial entities, highlighting the breadth of the group's expertise. The law firm offers:

Strengths

"The team stands out for its technical tax expertise and ability to help clients deliver on strategic business initiatives."

"The Baker McKenzie team demonstrated high professionalism, tremendous experience and technicality."

"The team has good coverage of all related matters. It can reach out for expertise in different areas within the firm."

Notable practitioners

Amsterdam-based Antonio Russo chairs the firm's global tax practice, while Jorge Narváez-Hasfura leads the global tax dispute resolution practice from Mexico City. Brendan Kelly heads the China tax practice, and Mark Delane heads the London

tax practice. Switzerland-based Marnin Michaels is also a key contact.

DLA Piper LLP

What the team is known for

DLA Piper is a global firm with a truly international footprint. DLA Piper is increasingly active on cross-border mandates involving Hong Kong and Mainland China. The law firm is:

Strengths

"The team stand out for their commercial approach, global capability and seamless coordination across legal, regulatory and tax issues. They're responsive, pragmatic and solution-focused."

"One of the key strengths of this department is its versatility and agility in handling complex international tax matters."

"They are experts in their tax area and can provide useful advice based on our situation with actionable items."

Notable practitioners

Jacques Wantz and Sang Kim co-chair the global tax practice and are based in Luxembourg and San Francisco respectively. UK-based Ben Brown is also a key contact.

Freshfields

What the team is known for

Freshfields has a market-leading European tax practice that assists with both contentious and non-contentious global matters. Freshfields possesses a considerable footprint in key European jurisdictions such as Germany, Belgium and the UK. The law firm offers:

Strengths

"They are technically very good and very responsive. The team are proactive in driving projects forward and trying to provide commercially focused legal advice."

"Freshfields used its network to help us understand the subject and the core team was brilliant. The team has the capacity to simplify complex situations."

"Freshfields has outstanding tax consultants. I would award it a gold star for service levels and responsiveness."

Notable practitioners

London-based Helen Buchanan heads the firm's London and global tax disputes practice.

Latham & Watkins LLP

What the team is known for

Latham & Watkins has a US team with an excellent global footprint in the tax arena, known for its stellar work on both transactional and contentious matters. Latham represents multinational clients in a multitude of high-value and high-profile deals. The law firm offers:

Strengths

"Latham has a global reach that comes in handy for large-scale transactions and provides a deep bench with access to all specialty areas within tax."

"They are all just technically excellent lawyers, fantastic professionals and very commercial practical problem-solvers who understand how to get transactions done."

"Latham & Watkins is very strong analytically, able to synthesise complex information into user-friendly formats. The team is comprised of many brilliant lawyers in varied disciplines."

Notable practitioners

Key contacts include Katharine P. Moir and James A. Metz, both based in Silicon Valley.

Band 2

Clifford Chance LLP

What the team is known for

Clifford Chance is a powerhouse firm recognised for its fully integrated tax advice over a broad spectrum of industries. Clifford Chance is also known for its strong presence in the global sphere due to its extensive network in Europe, the USA and Asia-Pacific. The law firm offers:

Strengths

"The Clifford Chance tax team is exceptional on large, cross-border deals. The team is deeply knowledgeable, highly responsive and performs to the highest standards."

"Clifford Chance takes care of client interests, proactively going above and beyond to address the client's needs."

"We appreciate Clifford Chance's sophistication in tax and fund financing and the breadth of its international coverage."

Notable practitioners

Pablo Serrano De Haro is the firm's global head of tax, pensions and employment and leads the London tax practice.

CMS

What the team is known for

CMS benefits from local tax capabilities across Central and Western European markets, as well as strong UK and Swiss-based groups. CMS has the enviable capacity to offer a single-firm solution to many transactions or corporate restructuring matters concerning multiple jurisdictions. The law firm offers:

Strengths

"All of the issues we encountered were dealt with robustly and with the correct tax analysis. All of their responses were rapid, and they have lots of industry experience."

"They are clearly the best because they have strong experience and strong technical and academic knowledge on tax aspects. CMS is unbeatable in my opinion."

"We have a great collaboration with CMS. Our lawyers there offer excellent expertise and experience, and very high levels of service and client focus."

Notable practitioners

London-based Aaron Fairhurst and Lauren Alder co-head the firm's tax practice.

Kirkland & Ellis

What the team is known for

Kirkland & Ellis houses US-based transactional tax experts with a flair for M&A-related tax. Kirkland & Ellis is a respected firm focused on the financial and private equity sectors, with strong teams in the USA and UK. The law firm offers:

Strengths

"Kirkland's tax group is high calibre, collaborative and exceptionally well-integrated. Their strengths lie in their deep technical knowledge and ability to think strategically across jurisdictions."

"They're smart people who have deep knowledge of the law and deep commercial understanding of each transaction."

"Kirkland & Ellis demonstrates cross-functional collaboration across departments in multi-disciplinary projects."

Notable practitioners

New York-based Dean Shulman, Chicago-based Todd Maynes and London-based Alexander Cox are key contacts.

Linklaters

What the team is known for

Linklaters has a stellar reputation among financial institutions for its tax work. The firm remains a major player in the corporate transactional areas of the taxation practice area, with particularly notable teams in the UK and Europe.

Strengths

"Linklaters' tax team showed a real ability to get to the key issues quickly and clearly. They brought real-world solutions and didn't waste any time on matters that weren't relevant."

"Our lawyers at Linklaters have outstanding expertise. They are very responsive and seek solutions for us."

"Linklaters' tax department stands out for its deep expertise, responsiveness and practical, solution-oriented approach."

Notable practitioners

Oliver Rosenberg heads the global tax practice, while other heads include Dick Hofland in Amsterdam, Joakim-Antoine Charvet in Luxembourg and Henk Vanhulle in Belgium.

Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP & Affiliates

What the team is known for

Widely renowned for its US tax practice and experience in a variety of tax-related matters, Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom is respected for both its global footprint and its important role in global transactions throughout a multitude of jurisdictions, particularly across Europe and the USA. The law firm offers:

Strengths

"The partners have exceptional technical knowledge coupled with broad industry and market experience. They also tend to be extremely proactive."

"Skadden's tax department is deeply experienced,

unmatched in technical knowledge and exceedingly client-oriented."

"The Skadden team members are highly technical and bring a wide breadth of experience to the table."

Notable practitioners

London-based James Anderson leads the firm's European tax practice.

Band 3

Ashurst

What the team is known for

Ashurst has a strong reputation in advising across a range of tax matters, harbouring tax expertise in large M&A transactions, real estate and fund structuring. The law firm offers:

Strengths

"They provide very concise explanations of complex cross-border tax matters with practical application and advice. The firm has good expertise across different areas, and the team works well together."

"Ashurst ensure that they have sufficient knowledge of all relevant legislation and how these interact each other, and they are able to advise in a commercial manner."

"Ashurst is a multidisciplinary team with a business-oriented vision. It adapts to needs giving a clear vision of critical aspects."

Notable practitioners

Key contacts include Eduardo Garcia in Madrid, Simon Swann in London, Sharon Kim in New York and Michele Milanese in Milan.

Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP

What the team is known for

Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton possesses considerable strengths in the USA, with a first-tier New York team and a solid offering in Italy and France. The law firm offers:

Strengths

"The tax lawyers at Cleary are both smart and practical, consider all aspects of a tax issue, and give clear and concise answers where possible. They are very responsive and also go above and beyond."

"Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton has a very technical and responsive tax team, that dives deep in all subjects and adapts to the customer's needs."

"The firm has extensive experience in the management of complex tax issues, including cross-border matters."

Notable practitioners

Key contacts include New York-based Jason Factor and Diana Wollman, as well as Rome-based Vania Petrella and Paris-based Anne-Sophie Coustel.

Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP

What the team is known for

Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher has robust tax teams in the USA together with an impressive office in London. Those teams are praised highly for their handling of international tax matters and cross-border transactions and investments. The law firm offers:

Strengths

"Their in-depth legal and tax knowledge allowed us to have a set of options for discussion. The combination of in-depth expertise and the deep

understanding of our business ensured the best outcome."

"Gibson Dunn is exceptionally knowledgeable about all aspects of tax structuring."

"Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher provide an impressive service with excellent availability and responsiveness, from partners all the way to associates."

Notable practitioners

The tax practice co-heads are London-based Sandy Bhogal, and New York-based Pamela Lawrence Endreny and Eric Sloan.

Mayer Brown LLP

What the team is known for

Mayer Brown has a robust US tax practice with offices across South America, Europe, Asia and the Middle East. It enjoys a strong international reputation for handling a wide range of global tax matters. The law firm offers:

Strengths

"The Mayer Brown team is very experienced. Lawyers are knowledgeable in the cross-border aspects of a transaction and able to provide hands-on advice."

"Mayer Brown provides deep industry knowledge coupled with practical tax advice."

"The firm is very technical, reactive and consistent in terms of performance. The team adopts a creative and out of the box approach."

Notable practitioners

Thomas Kittle-Kamp and Brian Kittle co-lead the global tax practice and are based in Chicago and New York respectively. James Hill heads the London tax practice. Other key contacts include New York-based Jason Bazar and Paris-based Benjamin Homo.

Band 4

Dentons

What the team is known for

An international practice with comprehensive global reach, Dentons has a notable presence across key European jurisdictions. The law firm offers:

Strengths

"It is a great quality team with a good service-oriented mindset. The lawyers are very much hands-on between technicalities and client's needs."

"The team have deep technical expertise and provide us with sound practical advice. They do a fantastic job handling very complex cross-border issues for us."

"Dentons assembles attorneys from across the firm, who work collaboratively to provide deep, extensive expertise and excellent service."

Notable practitioners

John Harrington co-leads the US tax practice and is based in Washington, DC. Other key contacts include Marnix Veldhuijzen in Amsterdam, Alex Thomas in London and Michael Helm in Berlin.

Eversheds Sutherland

What the team is known for

Eversheds Sutherland's tax offering has an impressive global reach, with particular strengths in the USA and UK. The law firm offers:

Strengths

"Eversheds strengths are their expertise, speed and flexibility. Their service levels and responsiveness are second to none."

"The team solves complex problems with a good mix of deep technical expertise and practical problem-solving."

"The team at Eversheds Sutherland stand out for their deep understanding of tax law, as well as its application across multiple jurisdictions."

Notable practitioners

Washington, DC-based Robert Chase and UK-based Ben Jones co-head the firm's global tax practice.

Jones Day

What the team is known for

Jones Day has respected tax teams across the USA combined with notable offices in Tokyo, Beijing and the Netherlands. The strong global practice regularly advises multinational clients on complex cross-border mandates around the globe. The law firm offers:

Strengths

"The tax partners there have broad experience covering a wide variety of issues."

"I particularly appreciate the firm's deep sector knowledge, its international reach on global issues and the complementarity of its internal skills."

"Jones Day provide advice from a multifaceted perspective, recognising the actual challenges in business operations."

Notable practitioners

The tax practice co-heads are Joseph Goldman and Edward Kennedy, who are based in Washington, DC and New York respectively.

McDermott Will & Schulte

What the team is known for

McDermott Will & Schulte is a global firm harboring robust capabilities in tax, with its teams across Europe, the UK and in the USA able to provide cross-border assistance across a range of matters. The law firm offers:

Strengths

"McDermott Will & Schulte has deep technical and industry expertise, and the ability to take a practical and business-oriented approach."

"The firm's strengths are its punctuality, precision and strategic approach. The team is always very flexible and responsive to the customer's requests."

"The firm has the ability to guide clients in sophisticated transactions with complex international tax implications and coordinate other consultants in various countries around the world."

Notable practitioners

Alex Jupp is the firm's UK head of tax and acts as a key contact.

Norton Rose Fulbright

What the team is known for

Norton Rose Fulbright boasts a strong tax offering, with experience advising clients across a range of domestic and cross-border mandates, often utilising its broad international network to provide a seamless service. The law firm offers:

Strengths

"The team have a high level of technical expertise. They have built up a detailed understanding of how our business works."

"The firm has deep knowledge of the tax legislation and the various legal solutions are applied in a practical manner."

"What truly sets Norton Rose Fulbright apart is its combination of global expertise and local knowledge."

Notable practitioners

Dominic Stuttaford is the firm's global head of tax and based in London.

Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP

What the team is known for

Simpson Thacher & Bartlett has impressive US and UK tax practices that are capable of providing tax-related expertise on the full range of transactions. The law firm offers:

Strengths

"The tax group operates as a seamless and highly effective team with the capability to handle large, complex commercial matters with confidence."

"Simpson Thacher's tax advice is always creative, commercial and concise."

Notable practitioners

Marcy Geller and Nancy Mehlman, who are both based in New York, are co-heads of the firm's tax practice.

Sullivan & Cromwell LLP

What the team is known for

Sullivan & Cromwell has a robust tax practice with excellent offices in New York and Paris. It has cultivated a great reputation in the market for representing multinational conglomerates in significant cross-border tax issues. The law firm offers:

Strengths

"Sullivan & Cromwell has a deep bench of talent and experience in tax and commercial matters."

"The firm has a good knowledge of the business world, we call on the team for complex issues for which we are looking for excellent tax expertise."

Notable practitioners

Davis Wang and Issac Wheeler, both New York-based, co-head the firm's tax group.

Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP

What the team is known for

Weil, Gotshal & Manges has a global tax group recognised for its presence in key locations including France, London and New York. It offers a breadth of transactional services combined with a strong core tax team to support clients on multi-jurisdictional tax concerns. The law firm offers:

Strengths

"The team have an almost unique understanding of what we as a client need and deliver it every time. They're technically excellent but also extremely practical."

"The team has deep expertise in the relevant subject matter and explains matters in a way the clients can easily understand."

"The lawyers demonstrate exemplary availability, great technical expertise, formidable efficiency as well as a personalised approach."

Notable practitioners

Paul Wessel is chairman of the firm's tax practice and acts as a key contact.

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Cravath, Swaine & Moore LLP**What the team is known for**

Cravath, Swaine & Moore is a US-based law firm that has developed an impressive tax practice providing tax-efficient structures for complex global matters. The law firm offers:

Strengths

"They are reasonable, business-minded and take a practical approach."

Notable practitioners

Lauren Angelilli, based in New York, is head of the firm's tax practice.

Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP**What the team is known for**

Davis Polk & Wardwell has a highly regarded US tax practice which frequently advises on the tax aspects of large global transactions. Many of its tax lawyers are admitted to practice in multiple jurisdictions, lending strength to its international capabilities. The law firm offers:

Strengths

"Davis Polk has deep technical tax expertise and a deep bench to handle all of the various work streams."

Notable practitioners

David Schnabel heads the tax department and is based in New York.

Debevoise & Plimpton LLP**What the team is known for**

Debevoise & Plimpton has a multi-jurisdictional team with respected offices in New York and London, particularly renowned for its stellar tax work within the private equity and capital markets spheres. Debevoise is regularly sought out for the lawyers' knowledge of handling complex cross-border work as well as domestic tax mandates. The law firm offers:

Strengths

"The tax team at Debevoise are extremely commercial and able to provide a global tax perspective on all transactions. Their approach is strategic and efficient."

"The Debevoise team is well-connected to the industry and regularly provides advice that is both practical and actionable."

Notable practitioners

Peter Furci and Peter Schuur co-head the global tax practice from New York. Richard Ward is chair of the UK tax practice and is based in London.

Goodwin Procter LLP**What the team is known for**

Goodwin offers broad tax capabilities, with robust teams located in the US, USA and France that handle both domestic and international tax-related mandates. The law firm offers:

Strengths

"Goodwin has a deep understanding of the market, whilst also having expertise across disciplines and geographies."

"Goodwin has a very client-centric approach with a focus on tailoring tax strategies around business objectives."

"The firm's approach is focused on problem-solving without recommending risky solutions. The team is

highly responsive and maintains a pleasant relationship with clients."

Notable practitioners

Key contacts include H. Neal Sandford based in Boston and Kelsey Lemaster based in San Francisco.

Herbert Smith Freehills Kramer LLP**What the team is known for**

Herbert Smith Freehills Kramer offers a strong global platform capable in servicing clients' multi-jurisdictional needs, with strong tax teams located in the UK, Asia-Pacific and across Europe. The law firm offers:

Strengths

"HSF Kramer's strengths are its global reach, ability to work effectively across departments and highly detailed knowledge."

"The team offer commercial solutions. They are good at framing the problem, identifying the solution, recognising the obstacles and determining how to deal with them."

"Herbert Smith Freehills provides attention to detail and is always pro-business."

Notable practitioners

William Arrenberg is the global head of the tax group, whilst Barry Herzog heads the US tax practice. Other key contacts include Pamela M. Capps and Jinny Chaimungkalanont.

Hogan Lovells US LLP**What the team is known for**

Hogan Lovells offers impressive global reach coupled with an especially strong tax practice in Europe and the UK. It is notable for its strength in advising clients from multiple jurisdictions on large-scale cross-border transactions. The law firm offers:

Strengths

"The areas where Hogan Lovells' tax team stand out are their proactivity, responsiveness, effective cross-team working and pragmatic and practical advice."

"Hogan Lovells has extensive tax expertise and a multidisciplinary team."

"One of Hogan Lovells' greatest assets is its deep expertise in complex and sophisticated operations, offering an excellent tax service."

Notable practitioners

Elliot Weston heads the firm's global tax, pensions & benefits practice, with London-based Karen Hughes also being a key contact.

Loyens & Loeff**What the team is known for**

Loyens & Loeff offers a particularly strong tax offering across Europe, backed by its presence in the key tax hubs of the Netherlands, Belgium and Luxembourg. With additional presence in Tokyo, London, Paris, Switzerland and New York, the firm is capable of providing clients with an integrated seamless service across cross-border mandates. The law firm offers:

Strengths

"Loyens & Loeff's tax practice is an interdisciplinary team with extensive knowledge. It is concerned with understanding the needs of its clients."

"Loyens & Loeff has shown an excellent sense of how to solve complex tax issues. The team is aware

of what happens in the market and communicates its experience proactively on these matters."

"The tax team is very strong and has provided high-value services over the last few years."

Notable practitioners

Key contacts include Amsterdam-based Margriet Lukkien, Rotterdam-based Marja de Best, Brussels-based Nicolas Lippens and Zurich-based Beat Baumgartner.

Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP**What the team is known for**

Morgan, Lewis & Bockius houses a strong tax team in the USA, capable in advising across corporate & finance tax related matters, as well as tax controversy issues. The law firm offers:

Strengths

"The team has a pragmatic approach to issue resolution, balanced by a strong technical focus. They team listen to and understand our key issues and risks."

"The firm has invested considerable time to understand our facts and establish working solutions."

Notable practitioners

Key contacts include Barton W.S. Bassett based in San Francisco, Boston-based Daniel A. Nelson, Kate Habershon in London and Thomas V. Linguanti in Chicago.

Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP**What the team is known for**

Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison harbours a strong USA tax team, noted for their work advising on corporate and finance related tax matters. The law firm offers:

Strengths

"The tax department is extraordinarily creative and business-focused."

Notable practitioners

Timothy Lowe is the firm's global co-head of tax and acts as a key contact.

Slaughter and May**What the team is known for**

Slaughter and May is a well-known firm praised for its strong reputation as a London-based powerhouse. It has an extensive network of allied firms within Europe aiding its cross-border capabilities. The law firm offers:

Strengths

"Slaughter and May has all the specialisations to fully cover complex matters. They provide an extremely high level of service."

"They have technical expertise in relation to complex tax matters and they provide practical, commercial tax advice."

Notable practitioners

Mike Lane is the head of the firm's tax practice and is based in London. Dominic Robertson co-heads the tax disputes practice, and other key contacts include Gareth Miles and Sarah Osprey.

Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz**What the team is known for**

Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz is a US-based law firm that has developed an impressive tax offering capable of advising on complex domestic and multinational tax issues. The law firm offers: