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Editorial submission request –  
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We will soon be starting research for the 2015 edition of *The Legal 500 United States*, and invite you to provide us with editorial submissions along the attached guidelines.

Submissions should reach us no later than **Tuesday 11 November 2014**.

I would remind you that firms appear in the editorial sections of *The Legal 500* free of charge. Any queries regarding directory listings (ie paid-for entries) should be addressed to **Kevin Parkinson**, email [kevin.parkinson@legal500.com](mailto:kevin.parkinson@legal500.com), or **Darren Clarke**, email [darren.clarke@legal500.com](mailto:darren.clarke@legal500.com).

If you have any queries, please email the address below, although you may first wish to check the FAQs at: [www.legal500.com/assets/images/research/us2015/faqs.pdf](http://www.legal500.com/assets/images/research/us2015/faqs.pdf).

Yours sincerely



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### Submissions by practice area

The editorial of *The Legal 500* is structured by practice area. Submissions should include the following information in order:

- 1) Feedback
- 2) Contact details
- 3) Referees
- 4) Detailed work highlights
- 5) Team information

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We will assume that all information provided to us is not confidential and may be referred to in the editorial, unless you indicate otherwise. Please identify clearly all areas of confidential information – specifically client names, deal or case values in every individual mention, or other details – by marking that information **CONFIDENTIAL**, in bold and upper case.

### Sending submissions

- Please email your submission to [editorial@legal500.com](mailto:editorial@legal500.com).
- Please mark the subject line as follows:  
**US/Practice area/firm name**  
  
eg **US/Government/Smith & Jones LLP**
- You should also send an Excel spreadsheet of referees relating to the practice area (see page 4). Please note, the deadline for submitting client referees is 11 November 2014.
- Please ensure you send your submissions in by the deadline. The timetable for the research will be adhered to rigorously.

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### Detailed submission guidelines

For each practice area, please provide the following:

#### Feedback on the 2014 edition

Do you agree with the ratings the practice received in the editorial and ranking of the 2014 edition? This is the starting point for the research, so firms are encouraged to provide feedback, including advising as to a suggested ranking for the forthcoming edition. (Please bear in mind that firms are ranked alphabetically within tiers).

#### Contact details

Please provide contact details for the person we should contact to arrange to follow up on the submission, ie contact name, position, email address and telephone number.

#### Referees (separate document)

Please provide a list of referees we can contact for feedback. You can provide as many referees as you wish. The list should preferably contain both longstanding clients and more recent client gains, lawyers who have referred work to the team, and counsel who can attest to the quality of work the firm provides.

**Referees MUST be provided in a separate document – please use the Referee template at:**

[www.legal500.com/assets/pages/about-us/get-involved.html](http://www.legal500.com/assets/pages/about-us/get-involved.html)

For more information about how to fill in the referee spreadsheets, please read the guideline document at

[www.legal500.com/assets/images/research/us2015/referees-explained.pdf](http://www.legal500.com/assets/images/research/us2015/referees-explained.pdf)

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### Detailed work highlights

**(All work referred to should fall between December 2013 and November 2014)**

Please provide details of up to ten transactions, cases or other instructions for each practice area only which the firm considers to be significant and which indicate the team's range of recent expertise. In each instance, please identify the firm's role and indicate which partner(s) led the advice.

You are also encouraged to elaborate in order to put each transaction/case/instruction in context, rather than simply listing the matter in question. For example, why was the work important; what was the innovative nature of the deal; why is your practice uniquely placed to carry out the work, etc? At least one matter should be cleared for publication.

You may wish to provide, in addition, a more general indication of work handled in the course of the year, and may also identify other highlights of the year, for example new client gains or panel appointments. Also useful to researchers are lists of active key clients and panel memberships, and any hard facts that can be provided to put the practice in context; for example, for transactional practice areas, consideration will be given to the total number of deals handled and the aggregate deal value for the year.

The focus of the research is on recent work. If, however, you think older work is significant – or would help us better to understand the nature of the practice – then please do mention it and explain why it is of interest. Other background information may also be provided. However firms should be warned against overloading the submission with details unlikely to assist researchers.

Please do not provide partner profiles/CVs in the submission.

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Team information

Please identify:

- Head of team (including job title, email address, and telephone number)
- Partners who spend more than 50% of their time working in the practice area
- Number of other partners in the team
- Number of associates/assistants in team
- Significant recent arrivals and departures
- Office location of all individuals named
- New partner promotions and partner/counsel hires (with date of promotion/arrival, and previous firm if applicable)

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Practice areas researched

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The following practice areas will be covered in the editorial. Please refer to the editorial at [www.legal500.com](http://www.legal500.com) to see last year's rankings.

- Government contracts
- Government relations