

The firm and its practices

The Legal 500's key focus remains the law firm, as reflected through each practice area. Our rankings analyse overall team strength and capability.

Individuals

In the following pages we invite you to nominate the leading partners and senior associates within your team. All individuals nominated on these pages may be considered for including in our Leading Individuals, Next Generation Partners, or Rising Stars associates tables.

While inclusion in tables for nominated individuals cannot be guaranteed, this information is also used to help us understand notable contributions to the wider team, which may be recognised in our editorial commentary.

With the exception of any arrivals and departures that are simply noted, all lawyers mentioned in Legal 500 editorial are by definition recommended.

1. **Leading Individuals:** this category is designed to identify those that are not only thoroughly experienced in their sector, but also demonstrate ongoing involvement with key transactions, cases or matters, broad peer recognition and at least ten years' experience as a private practice partner (or relevant industry-equivalent post).
2. **Next Generation Partners:** this category is designed to identify standout younger partners with up to five years' experience in the role.
3. **Rising Stars:** this category identifies key senior associates, practice directors and counsel; in certain cases, editors may take the discretionary step of adding counsel of seniority – generally those resulting from a lateral hire – in one of the above categories; similarly, it may be the case that a semi-senior is included in rising stars.

Note: evaluation of the individual listings is undertaken on an annual basis – ie: lawyers will not automatically remain in these categories, especially if there is little/no evidence of their activity in the work highlights included below.

Please note that partners may not automatically move from the Next Generation Partners to Leading Individuals' listings.