Multiple Haynes Boone London Practice Areas, Lawyers Ranked in 2023 Legal 500 UK

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Haynes Boone's London office has again received widespread recognition in the Legal 500 UK, with six London practices and 11 lawyers featured in the 2023 edition of the directory, published by Legalease Ltd.

The guide ranked Haynes Boone among the most recommended UK firms in five practice areas: Oil and Gas; Fund Finance; Shipping; International Arbitration; and Construction: Contentious. Legal 500 also recognized Haynes Boone as a "Firm to Watch" in Debt Capital Markets.

The guide highlighted 11 Haynes Boone lawyers: Partners: **William Cecil**, **Andreas Dracoulis**, **Markus Esly**, **Mark Johnson**, **Glenn Kangisser**, **Emma Russell**, **Conrad Purcell**, **Martin Pugsley**, **Andreas Silcher**, **Melanie Willems** and Counsel **Robert Blackett**.

Notably, **William, Melanie** and **Robert** were also included in the Legal 500's "Hall of Fame," which highlights individuals "who have received constant praise from their clients for continued excellence" and who Legal 500 deems as being "at the pinnacle of the profession."

Legal 500 analyzes the capabilities of law firms across the world, based on feedback from 300,000 clients worldwide, law firm submissions, and interviews with leading private practice lawyers.

Below is a sample of the Legal 500's positive reviews:

Oil and Gas – Tier 3

Haynes Boone "is well known in the market for handling high-profile and high-value transactions and disputes. It advises on upstream, midstream and downstream projects for oilfield operators, contractors, suppliers and insurers. Practice head Glenn Kangisser advises on the full life cycle of projects, from the design and construction phase through to operations and maintenance. William Cecil is a key name for disputes. Conrad Purcell and Martin Pugsley recently joined from Bird & Bird LLP, and DWF respectively."

Testimonials:

"Really strong technical knowledge of the sector, fantastic energy network within firm." … "Glenn Kangisser and William Cecil have very deep knowledge and experience in this specialised niche field." … "A capable and user-friendly team with an in-depth knowledge of the oil & gas sector, and infrastructure and construction disputes." … "The team is very well organised, work fast and efficiently, the outputs are well supported and well structured."

Fund Finance – Tier 4

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With extensive experience in structured products, refinancings, securitisation and real estate finance, Haynes Boone acts for banks, alternative credit providers, fund managers and investors on ESG-linked facilities, subscription and capital call lending, and hybrid financing. “The team is led by Emma Russell, who is sought after to handle transactions across a wide range of asset classes, including private equity, real estate, secondaries, and infrastructure.”

Testimonial: “Full availability and [experience] in the fund finance space.”

Shipping - Tier 4

Praised for its “vast knowledge” and ”in-depth experience,” Haynes Boone supports clients with their transactional, commercial, and contentious shipping needs. “Shipbuilding and ship conversion form part of the firm’s portfolio alongside financing, recycling, and sale and purchase mandates. Andreas Silcher and Mark Johnson jointly lead the team, both fielding extensive experience in maritime offshore projects and all types of commercial vessels. The practice also includes dispute resolution specialists William Cecil and Andreas Dracoulis.”

Testimonials:

“Haynes Boone are excellent for shipbuilding cases. They have real in-depth experience of these types of disputes. They are very strong on legal analysis and case management. They offer a Rolls-Royce service.” … “William Cecil is a standout lawyer, who is at ease with the biggest and most complicated shipbuilding disputes.” … “Good people, with vast knowledge in their respective fields. Easy to work with, polite and with well-executed ideas.” … “Andreas Silcher is an excellent professional that stands out.”

International Arbitration – Tier 5

The London-based international arbitration team of Haynes Boone combines longstanding international arbitration experience with energy and construction sector experience; and the team regularly acts in arbitrations pursuant to the ICC, LCIA and UNCITRAL rules, as well as in ad hoc proceedings. “International arbitration head Melanie Willems is ‘a superb team leader,’ while Markus Esly is an energy, projects, construction and infrastructure disputes [standout]. Counsel Robert Blackett focuses on international arbitration, and William Cecil is litigation head.”

Testimonials:

“Excellent – highly experienced, very hardworking, and extremely bright.” … “Highly responsive, easy to work with, and always with an eye on practical outcomes.” … “Melanie Willems is a superb team leader – extremely bright, very commercial and a wonderful motivator, who is brilliant at getting the best out of everyone.” … “Markus Esly is a brilliant lawyer – very bright, and fantastic with clients.”

Construction: Contentious – Tier 5

Haynes Boone has a “strong reputation acting for contractor and employer clients in international arbitration matters, specifically in relation to engineering and infrastructure disputes. Melanie Willems, who has extensive experience in contractual disputes arising from energy, projects and engineering matters, leads the team alongside William Cecil. Markus Esly acts on complex

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commercial disputes, advising clients in the hotels and hospitality industry, whilst Robert Blackett focuses on international arbitration in the oil and gas, energy, engineering sectors."

Testimonials:

"Very responsive to their clients' objectives, highly motivated and very bright." … "This is a great team who have worked together for a long time to deliver excellent results for clients." … "They get into the detail to understand the issues and drive results."

Debt Capital Markets – Firms to Watch

The London office of Haynes Boone "is increasingly visible in the DCM space," led by Partner Martin Pugsley.

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