

6 Haynes Boone Practices, 9 Lawyers and a Hall of Famer Recommended in 2025 Legal 500 U.K. Directory

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PRACTICES International Arbitration, Fund Formation and Management, Construction, Energy, Power and Natural Resources, Fund Finance, Oil and Gas, Investment Management, Shipping

The *Legal 500 U.K. 2025* ranks six Haynes Boone practice areas and nine lawyers among the best in the nation. Partners [James Tinworth](#), [Glenn Kangisser](#), Emma Russell, Emily Fuller, [Andreas Silcher](#), [Melanie Willems](#), [Markus Esly](#), Counsel [Robert Blackett](#) and Associate [Christopher Orford](#) were all recommended by *Legal 500* for their reputations, strong technical abilities, client credibility and strength in their fields.

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.

Willems was also included in *Legal 500*'s "[Hall of Fame](#)," which highlights "lawyers at the very top of the profession, widely known and respected by peers and clients for their longstanding involvement in market-leading work."

Below is a list of the ranked practice groups along with client testimonials *Legal 500* received:

[Investment Fund Formation and Management – Hedge Funds](#)

- "James Tinworth and Christopher Orford have displayed excellent legal expertise, fast responsiveness, a strong client service ethic and are good guys to work with."

[Projects, Energy and Natural Resources – Oil and Gas](#)

- "Exceptional capability and knowledge of upstream-energy-sector law in support of operations and commercial activities. Exceptional quality of legal advice and support provided."
- "Haynes Boone's Oil and Gas team in the UK has a deep understanding of the legal, commercial and practical issues involved in upstream and downstream transactions."

[Investment Fund Formation and Management – Fund Finance](#)

- "Emma Russell and Emily Fuller have a depth of knowledge and experience across fund finance, having represented both borrowers and lenders. They bring a pragmatic approach to negotiations."

[Transport – Shipping](#)

- "Excellent offshore and shipbuilding capability."
- "Andreas Dracoulis: experienced, careful, calm, effective."

[Dispute Resolution – International Arbitration](#)

- “They are very responsive and are supported by vast experience in disputes in arbitration and court, which provides a solid base of legal knowledge.”

[Real Estate – Construction: Contentious](#)

- “Melanie Willems and her team work closely together to deliver excellent results for clients.”