

Firm	Award level	Innovation	Originality	Rationale	Impact	Total	Description
Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer	Standout	Tesco's successful challenge to the UK Competition Commission	8	6	8	22	As an integral part of the Tesco team, Freshfields' legal strategy to make a Competition Commission remedy the subject of the judicial review was novel and should ensure that future remedies have a better consideration of benefits and costs
Clifford Chance	Standout	Using the law to push the frontiers of science	6	7	8	21	The firm successfully lobbied the government to permit the go-ahead for hybrid embryo research. The firm's James Lawford Davies is the world leading expert in this field
Hickman & Rose	Standout	Pursuing justice for victims of war crimes	7	8	6	21	The firm works to pursue war criminals through a mixture of lobbying, battling governments and testing the limits of the law on universal jurisdiction
Allen & Overy	Highly commended	Getting the US to amend cross-border transaction rules	7	6	7	20	The merger of SAP and BusinessObjects, a French incorporated but partly US-owned company, threw up conflicting regulatory hurdles. The firm devised a solution to facilitate cross-border tender offers
Pinsent Masons	Highly commended	The 2012 London Olympics	6	7	7	20	A leading force in managing this project for the Olympic Delivery Authority, the firm's innovations include a new form of slot-in / slot-out planning permission and successful sustainability monitoring
Hickman & Rose	Commended	Using a holistic approach to curtail police powers and preserve civil liberties	6	7	6	19	The firm combines knowledge of criminal, human rights, data protection and public law to ensure that police investigations are carried out in a fair, proportionate and lawful manner
Linklaters	Commended	Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunication - SWIFT data privacy investigation	7	6	6	19	When, in the post 9 / 11 fight against terrorism, the US Treasury subpoenaed SWIFT to disclose bank messaging information, it was investigated by the Belgian Privacy Commission. Linklaters argued that, as 'de facto delegate', it has limited data protection obligations compared to banks themselves
Olswang	Commended	Cutting the costs of film financings	6	7	6	19	The firm created a new streamlined transparent approach to film financing, making transactions quicker and easier
Eversheds	Commended	Using legal brinksmanship to avert strikes in the higher education sector	6	7	5	18	Eversheds masterminded a rapid, sustained and fully co-ordinated response to an aggressive threat of strike action in the higher education sector
Greenberg Traurig Amsterdam	Commended	Assisting a US drug development company in the biodefense area	7	6	5	18	The firm adopted a legal approach to EU SME benefits which resulted in large savings and allowed access to valuable regulatory guidance by the European Medicines Agency
LG	Commended	The new Bahamas Executive Foundations Act	6	6	5	17	LG developed and proposed the concept of the 'Executive Foundation' to the Bahamas Financial Services Commission, which is replicable for other offshore jurisdictions
Nörr Stiefenhofer Lutz	Commended	Facilitating inward investment into the German film industry	5	6	6	17	The firm was involved in Germany's new incentivised system of film financing - which has proved to be a major success and a boost to the film industry
Slaughter and May	Commended	Advising Bertelsmann on its successful joint appeal with Sony Corporation of America to the European Court Of Justice	5	6	6	17	Slaughter and May represented music giant Bertelsmann on its successful joint appeal with Sony to the ECJ to overturn the annulment of the European Commission's merger clearance
Tuca Zbarcea & Asociatii	Commended	Creating Romania's first memorandum of understanding to facilitate the country's largest foreign direct investment	7	5	5	17	The firm acted for Austrian voestalpine AG on the complex project financing of an integrated iron and steel mill in the Black Sea. The project has made the government aware of the need for legislative change in the future, but the impact has been limited due to the credit crisis
Allen & Overy	Commended	Facilitating the creation of a new online bank in Spain	5	6	5	16	To firm created a new structure to get round Spanish legislation that did not provide for the universal transfer of assets and liabilities of a single branch
Hergüner Bilgen Ozeke	Commended	Privatisation of Tekel's tobacco business	5	5	6	16	The firm had to co-ordinate in one day the transfer of assets and complex financing in the transfer of Tekel from state ownership to BAT, which marked a coming of age for Turkish law firms
Portolano Colella Cavallo	Commended	First registration of a colour trademark	6	6	4	16	The firm outlined a strategy for a prominent multinational corporation for registering and protecting a colour as a trademark at EU and national level in spite of the turbulent commercial and financial environment.
Slaughter and May	Commended	Resolution Limited - Initial Public Offering of its Shares	6	5	5	16	The firm acted for Resolution on this IPO in which the Guernsey incorporated company outsourced majority of its operating functions enabling it to achieve secondary listing as an overseas company
Wragge & Co	Commended	Dolland & Aitchison and Boots Opticians merger - pension solution	6	5	5	16	An innovative pensions solution involving creation of a customised package of security and income streams