

Award	Law firm	Total innovation score	Originality	Rationale	Impact	Description
Standout	ClientEarth	29	10	10	9	Established nine years ago by US environmental lawyer James Thornton, ClientEarth is Europe's first law firm set up to defend the public interest in the environment. Formed as a charity and independently funded, it now has 100 staff, who use the law as a strategic tool to protect the environment and human health. Focusing on different areas such as biodiversity, forestry, company and financial law, the firm aims to change legislation and policies and influence how businesses report their impact on climate. An important part of the firm's work includes making sure that environmental laws are implemented in the spirit of how they were written.
Standout	D2 Legal Technology	28	9	10	9	One of the first consulting firms to combine technology and the law to digitise legal documents for major financial institutions.
Standout	ASB Law	26	9	9	8	The firm reorganised itself away from legal practice areas into sales and delivery teams where success is measured by client satisfaction rather than fees and hours.
Standout	Fulcrum Chambers	26	9	9	8	A senior, multidisciplinary team of barristers, investigators and lawyers set up to work with clients on bribery and corruption issues.
Standout	Kennedy Van der Laan	25	9	8	8	The Netherlands-based firm has created an online platform through which all work and communications are conducted for its network of member firms in 22 jurisdictions so that its client Nike experiences them as a single law firm.
Highly commended	Capital Law	24	8	9	7	The first UK law firm to set up its own fund, worth £50m, to support commercial litigation cases for smaller claimants.
Highly commended	Three Crowns	23	8	8	7	Set up as an alternative to big law firms, this unique international arbitration boutique now has 40 solicitors and barristers.
Highly commended	Axiom	22	7	8	7	The next step in the firm's flexible resourcing model enables general counsel to completely outsource their unpredictable staffing requirements.
Highly commended	Kindleworth	22	7	7	8	A supporter of many new-model legal businesses, Kindleworth enables start-ups by removing their management costs.
Highly commended	Synch Advokat	22	8	8	6	With no partnership structure, the firm shifts employees' focus from profits to customer service for its tech start-up clients.
Commended	Gateley	21	8	7	6	In the year since it became the first UK law firm to list on Aim it has increased revenues and profits.
Commended	Hausfeld	21	7	8	6	The firm has taken the litigation finance model to Germany, to turn company in-house legal departments into profit centres.
Commended	McGuireWoods	21	8	7	6	The firm set up Green Lane, a network of eight law firms in Europe, and is the first to be able to give integrated, cross-border EU customs and trade legal advice.
Commended	PwC Tax & Legal Services	21	6	8	7	A multidisciplinary team that offers legal, tax, property and financial services to wealthy clients.
Commended	The Legal Director	21	7	7	7	For a monthly fixed fee, the company provides generalist lawyers to small and medium-sized businesses which cannot afford to hire staff lawyers.