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BCLP RANKED IN LEGAL 500 EMEA 2025

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BCLP is pleased to announce that it has been ranked in the Legal 500 EMEA Guide 2025. The firm received 19 practice areas rankings across 4 jurisdictions.

Ten lawyers received individual rankings including:

1. Richard Davies – Leading Partner, United Arab Emirates, Construction
2. Charles Lilley – Leading Partner, United Arab Emirates, Construction
3. Hannah Gohar - Leading Associate, United Arab Emirates, Real Estate
4. Farida Sadiq - United Arab Emirates, Real Estate
5. Richard Dupay – United Arab Emirates, Construction
6. Olivier Mesmin – Leading Partner, France, Tax
7. Christine Daric – Leading Partner, France, Tax
8. Julie Catala Marty – Leading Partner, France, EU, Competition and Distribution
9. Jean-Louis Martin – Leading Partner, France, Real Estate
10. Marie Gicquel – Leading Associate, France, Insolvency

BCLP's Dubai Real Estate team maintained its stellar Tier 1 ranking, cementing its position as a top-tier practice in the region. The Construction team also retained its Tier 2 ranking, noted for its arbitration construction practice and FIDIC contracts. Clients remarked that:

- *“This is a top-drawer disputes team that continues to consistently deliver the highest quality of advice, in a strategic, commercially minded, and timely manner.”*

- *“The team’s agility in collaborating across different countries and time zones ensures an exceptional client experience.”*

In **Paris**, the team received 12 practice area rankings, including two new ‘Firm to Watch’ rankings for Private Equity: Fund Formation and Banking and Finance: Bank Regulatory. Tax, Competition, Energy, and Real Estate maintained their Tier 3 ranking. The Commercial Litigation practice moved up to tier 3 and was noted for its *‘technical competence and honesty’* in handling *‘complex civil banking and financial disputes.’*

Client Commentary:

- EU and Competition: *‘Julie Catala Marty is a leading professional who has very in-depth knowledge of the subject and the sectors in which she operates. Her ability to understand and synthesize issues and develop the right strategies is remarkable.’*
- Insolvency: *‘A highly technical team in restructuring and litigation, but above all, very personable with true listening skills. In my view, this is what sets them apart from many other teams in the sector.’*
- Mergers & Acquisitions: *‘A tight-knit and complementary team that works collaboratively. The team is committed to providing pragmatic and innovative solutions to its clients.’*
- Tax: *‘An essential team in real estate taxation, whose skills and agility extend to real estate law in general.’*

BCLP’s Brussels EU and Competition practice was noted for its handling of the *‘full range of competition and foreign direct investment mandates, working with international corporates in merger clearance and national security matters’*.

Client Commentary:

- Partner Dave Anderson *‘is a very experienced lawyer with all qualities you expect from a trusted advisor; the best any client can get especially for merger control.’*
- *‘One of the best antitrust teams in the town. Brilliant lawyers, great professionals.’*

BCLP’s German team received a new ‘Firm to Watch’ ranking for Employment. It was also highlighted for its Real Estate expertise, particularly in the Real Estate Finance market for its

handling of pan-European acquisitions and project financings. A client noted the team has '*cross-disciplinary expertise combined with in-depth economic understanding*'.

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