



LEADERS LEAGUE

2026 INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH CALENDAR

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RESEARCH CYCLE I

Leaders League's research is divided into three annual campaign cycles which gather and analyze common practice areas as well as focus on different key issues.

Research Cycle I covers all domains related **to Innovation, Technology, Intellectual Property, Data Protection, Life Sciences and more.**

Below you will find the corresponding practice areas for all countries included in this campaign (please note that research dates and practice areas may be subject to change).

The rankings from this cycle are published in our international guidebooks: **Innovation, Technology & Patents and Marketing, Brands, Trademarks & Copyright.**

DATES

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Europe

AUSTRIA

Law Firms: Data Protection
Law Firms & IP Agencies: Patent Prosecution
Law Firms & IP Agencies: Trademark Prosecution
Law Firms: Patent Litigation
Law Firms: Trademark Litigation
Law Firms: TMT

BELGIUM

Law Firms: Data Protection
Law Firms: IT & Outsourcing
Law Firms: Copyrights, Media & Entertainment
Law Firms: Fintech
Law Firms: Life Sciences (IP)
Law Firms: Life Sciences (Regulatory)
Law Firms: Patent Litigation
Law Firms: Trademark Litigation
IP Agencies: Patent Prosecution
IP Agencies: Trademark Prosecution

DENMARK

Law Firms & IP Agencies: Patent Prosecution
Law Firms & IP Agencies: Trademark Prosecution
Law Firms: Data Protection
Law Firms: Patent Litigation
Law Firms: Trademark Litigation

FINLAND

Law Firms & IP Agencies: Patent Prosecution
Law Firms & IP Agencies: Trademark Prosecution
Law Firms: Patent Litigation
Law Firms: TMT
Law Firms: Trademark Litigation

GERMANY

Law Firms: Data Protection
Law Firms: Healthcare & Pharmaceuticals
Law Firms: IT & Outsourcing
Law Firms: Media, Sports & Entertainment
Law Firms: Patent Litigation
Law Firms: Trademark Litigation
IP Agencies: Patent Prosecution
IP Agencies: Trademark Prosecution

ICELAND

Law Firms: Intellectual Property

IRELAND

IP Agencies: IP Prosecution
Law Firms: IP Litigation

ITALY

Law Firms: Advertising & Marketing
Law Firms: Art
Law Firms: Artificial Intelligence
Law Firms: Copyrights
Law Firms: Data Protection
Law Firms: Enforcement & Anti-Counterfeiting



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ITALY

Law Firms: Fashion Law
Law Firms: Healthcare & Pharmaceuticals
Law Firms: IT & Outsourcing
Law Firms: Media & Entertainment
Law Firms: Patent Litigation
Law Firms: Sports Law
Law Firms: Telecoms
Law Firms: Trademark Litigation
IP Firms: Patent Prosecution
IP Firms: Trademark Prosecution

LUXEMBOURG

Law Firms: IP Litigation
Law Firms: IT & Outsourcing
IP Agencies: IP Prosecution

NETHERLANDS

IP Agencies: Patent Prosecution
IP Agencies: Trademark Prosecution
Law Firms: Life Sciences
Law Firms: IP Litigation
Law Firms: IT & Outsourcing

NORWAY

Law Firms & IP Agencies: Patent Prosecution
Law Firms & IP Agencies: Trademark Prosecution
Law Firms: Patent Litigation
Law Firms: Trademark Litigation

PORTUGAL

Law Firms: Cybersecurity
Law Firms: Data Protection
Law Firms: IP Litigation
Law Firms: Technology
Law Firms: Telecoms
IP Agencies: Patent Prosecution
IP Agencies: Trademark Prosecution

SPAIN

Law Firms: Copyrights
Law Firms: Cybersecurity
Law Firms: Data Protection
Law Firms: Life Sciences
Law Firms: Patent Litigation
Law Firms: Technology
Law Firms: Trademark Litigation
IP Agencies: Patent Prosecution
IP Agencies: Trademark Prosecution

SWEDEN

Law Firms & IP Agencies: Patent Prosecution
Law Firms & IP Agencies: Trademark Prosecution
Law Firms: Patent Litigation
Law Firms: Trademark Litigation

SWITZERLAND

Law Firms: Copyrights
Law Firms: Data Protection
Law Firms: IT & Outsourcing
Law Firms: Life Sciences (IP)
Law Firms: Life Sciences (Regulatory)



SWITZERLAND

Law Firms: Patent Litigation
Law Firms: Sports Law
Law Firms: TMT
Law Firms: Trademark Litigation
IP Agencies: Patent Prosecution
IP Agencies: Trademark Prosecution

UK

Law Firms & IP Agencies: Patent Prosecution
Law Firms & IP Agencies: Trademark Prosecution
Law Firms: Data Protection
Law Firms: IT & Telecoms
Law Firms: Life Sciences
Law Firms: Patent Litigation
Law Firms: Trademark Litigation
Investment Banks: Life Sciences M&A
Investment Banks: TMT M&A

North America

CANADA

Law Firms: IT & Outsourcing
Law Firms: Patent Litigation
Law Firms: Patent Prosecution
Law Firms: Trademark Litigation
Law Firms: Trademark Prosecution
Investment Banks: TMT

MEXICO

Law Firms: Cannabis Regulatory
Law Firms: Data Protection
Law Firms: Enforcement & Anti-Counterfeiting
Law Firms: Innovation, Technology & Telecoms
Law Firms: IP Litigation
Law Firms: Life Sciences (Regulatory)
Law Firms: Media & Entertainment
Law Firms: Patent Prosecution
Law Firms: Trademark Prosecution

UNITED STATES

Law Firms: Copyright
Law Firms: Data Protection
Law Firms: Healthcare
Law Firms: IT & Outsourcing
Law Firms: Patent Litigation
Law Firms: Patent Prosecution
Law Firms: Life Sciences
Law Firms: Product Liability (Pharmaceuticals)
Law Firms: Trademark Litigation
Law Firms: Trademark Prosecution
Investigation Firms: Trademark Infringement
Investment Banks: Life Sciences
Investment Banks: TMT M&A



Central America

COSTA RICA

Law Firms: Intellectual Property

NICARAGUA

Law Firms: Intellectual Property

PANAMA

Law Firms: Enforcement & Anti-Counterfeiting

Law Firms: Intellectual Property

Latin America

Communication Agencies: Marketing and Business Development for Lawyers

South America

ARGENTINA

Law Firms: Advertising Law

Law Firms: Data Protection

Law Firms: Enforcement & Anti-Counterfeiting

Law Firms: Innovation, Technology & Telecoms

Law Firms: IP Litigation

Law Firms: Life Sciences: Regulatory

Law Firms: Patent Prosecution

Law Firms: Trademark Prosecution

BOLIVIA

Law Firms: IP Litigation

Law Firms: Patent Prosecution

Law Firms: Trademark Prosecution

BRAZIL

Law Firms: Anti-Counterfeiting

Law Firms: Artificial Intelligence

Law Firms: Blockchain & Cryptocurrency

Law Firms: Copyrights

Law Firms: Data Protection

Law Firms: Fashion Law

Law Firms: Life Sciences

Law Firms: Media & Entertainment

Law Firms: Patent Litigation

Law Firms: Patent Prosecution

Law Firms: Sports Betting and Online Gambling

Law Firms: Sports Law

Law Firms: Startups & Innovation

Law Firms: Technology

Law Firms: Telecommunications

Law Firms: Trademark Litigation

Law Firms: Trademark Prosecution

Law Firms: Venture Capital

Accelerators: Startups & Innovation

Consulting Firms: Artificial Intelligence



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BRAZIL

Consulting Firms: Cybersecurity
Consulting Firms: Data Protection
Consulting Firms: Environmental
Consulting Firms: Social Impact
Consulting Firms: Training & Development
Corporate Communication Agencies
Headhunters: Tech Recruiters
Legal Marketing Agencies
Litigation Support: Intellectual Property
System & Platforms: CRM
System & Platforms: ERP
System & Platforms: LegalTech

CHILE

Law Firms: Enforcement & Anti-Counterfeiting
Law Firms: Life Sciences (Regulatory Law)
Law Firms: IP Litigation
Law Firms: Patent Litigation
Law Firms: Patent Prosecution
Law Firms: Plant Varieties Protection
Law Firms: Sports Law
Law Firms: Technology
Law Firms: Telecoms
Law Firms: Trademark Prosecution
Consulting Firms: Public Affairs & Lobbying
Startup Accelerators
Recruitment Firms: IT

COLOMBIA

Law Firms: Data Protection
Law Firms: Enforcement & Anti-Counterfeiting
Law Firms: Innovation, Technology & Telecoms
Law Firms: IP Litigation
Law Firms: Life Sciences (Regulatory)
Law Firms: Media & Entertainment
Law Firms: Patent Prosecution
Law Firms: Plant Varieties Protection
Law Firms: Sports Law
Law Firms: Trademark Prosecution

ECUADOR

Law Firms: Data Protection
Law Firms: Enforcement & Anti-Counterfeiting
Law Firms: Innovation, Technology & Telecoms
Law Firms: IP Litigation
Law Firms: Patent Prosecution
Law Firms: Plant Varieties Protection
Law Firms: Trademark Prosecution

PERU

Law Firms: Advertising & Marketing
Law Firms: Data Protection
Law Firms: Enforcement & Anti-Counterfeiting
Law Firms: Fashion Law
Law Firms: IP Litigation
Law Firms: Life Sciences (Regulatory)
Law Firms: Patent Litigation
Law Firms: Patent Prosecution
Law Firms: Plant Varieties Protection
Law Firms: Telecoms
Law Firms: Trademark Prosecution



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URUGUAY

Law Firms: Enforcement & Anti-Counterfeiting

Law Firms: IP Litigation

Law Firms: Patent Prosecution

Law Firms: Trademark Prosecution

Asia

CHINA

International Law Firms: Patent Litigation

International Law Firms: Patent Prosecution

International Law Firms: Trademark Prosecution

Domestic Law Firms: Trademark Litigation

INDIA

Law Firms: Patent Prosecution

Law Firms: Trademark Prosecution

JAPAN

International Law Firms: Patent Litigation

International Law Firms: Patent Prosecution

International Law Firms: Trademark Litigation

International Law Firms: Technology

TURKEY

Law Firms & IP Agencies: Patent Prosecution

Law Firms & IP Agencies: Trademark Prosecution

Law Firms: Patent Litigation

Law Firms: Trademark Litigation

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RESEARCH CYCLE II

Research Cycle II covers all domains related **to transactional work and finance matters, such as** M&A, corporate, tax, energy, banking, private equity, capital markets, wealth, and more.

For Latin America (excluding Brazil), Labor Law will be researched during this cycle as well.

Below you will find the corresponding practice areas for all countries included in this campaign (please note that research dates and practice areas may be subject to change).

The rankings from this cycle are published in our international guidebooks: **Transactions & Deals** and **Finance, Restructuring & Tax**.

DATES

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Europe

AUSTRIA

Law Firms: Banking & Finance
Law Firms: Corporate Tax
Law Firms: Corporate/M&A
Law Firms: Merger Control
Law Firms: Real Estate
Law Firms: Restructuring & Insolvency

BELGIUM

Law Firms: Banking & Finance
Law Firms: Capital Markets
Law Firms: Corporate / M&A
Law Firms: Corporate Tax
Law Firms: Merger Control
Law Firms: Private Equity
Law Firms: Real Estate
Law Firms: Restructuring & Insolvency
Law Firms: Transfer Pricing
Law Firms: Wealth Management
Consulting Firms: M&A
Consulting Firms: Transfer Pricing
Investment Banks: M&A

DENMARK

Law Firms: Banking & Finance
Law Firms: Corporate/M&A
Consulting Firms: Small to Mid-Cap M&A
Local Investment Banks: Large-Cap M&A

FINLAND

Law Firms: Banking & Finance
Law Firms: Corporate/M&A

GERMANY

Law Firms: Banking & Finance
Law Firms: Banking & Finance Regulatory
Law Firms: Corporate Tax
Law Firms: Debt Capital Markets
Law Firms: Energy Law
Law Firms: Equity Capital Markets
Law Firms: Fintech
Law Firms: Fund Structuring
Law Firms: Insolvency
Law Firms: M&A (Large-Cap)
Law Firms: M&A (Mid-Cap)
Law Firms: Private Equity
Law Firms: Real Estate
Law Firms: Restructuring
Law Firms: Tax Litigation
Law Firms: Venture Capital
Law Firms: Wealth Management
Investment Banks: Large-cap M&A
Investment Banks: Small to Mid-Cap M&A
Private Equity Firms

ICELAND

Law Firms: Banking & Finance
Law Firms: M&A and Corporate Law



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ITALY

Law Firms: Banking & Finance
Law Firms: Corporate Tax
Law Firms: Debt Capital Markets
Law Firms: Energy (Regulatory)
Law Firms: Equity Capital Markets
Law Firms: Environmental Law
Law Firms: Fund Structuring
Law Firms: M&A (Large Cap)
Law Firms: M&A (Small to Mid-Cap)
Law Firms: Private Equity
Law Firms: Public Law
Law Firms: Real Estate
Law Firms: Restructuring & Insolvency
Law Firms: Shipping Law
Law Firms: Wealth Management
Investment Banks: Large-Cap M&A
Consulting Firms: Small to Mid-Cap M&A
Private Equity Firms: Large-Cap Transactions
Private Equity Firms: Small to Mid-Cap Transactions

LUXEMBOURG

Law Firms: Banking & Finance
Law Firms: Corporate Tax
Law Firms: Corporate/M&A
Law Firms: Fund Structuring
Law Firms: Private Equity
Law Firms: Real Estate
Law Firms: Restructuring & Insolvency
Law Firms: Tax Litigation
Law Firms: Transfer Pricing
Law Firms: Wealth Management
Transfer Pricing Firms
Private Banks: Investment & Custodian

NETHERLANDS

Law Firms: Banking & Finance
Law Firms: Corporate Tax
Law Firms: Debt Capital Markets
Law Firms: Equity Capital Markets
Law Firms: M&A
Law Firms: Private Equity
Law Firms: Restructuring & Insolvency
Investment Banks: M&A
Private Equity Firms

NORWAY

Law Firms: Banking & Finance
Law Firms: Corporate/M&A
Law Firms: Corporate Tax
Law Firms: Energy

POLAND

Law Firms: Banking & Finance
Law Firms: Corporate Tax
Law Firms: M&A
Law Firms: Restructuring & Insolvency

PORTUGAL

Law Firms: Banking & Finance
Law Firms: Corporate / M&A
Law Firms: Energy Law



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PORTUGAL

Law Firms: Private Equity
Law Firms: Real Estate
Law Firms: Restructuring & Insolvency
Law Firms: Tax Law
Law Firms: Venture Capital
Private Equity Funds

SPAIN

Law Firms: Banking & Finance Advisory
Law Firms: Banking & Finance Regulatory
Law Firms: Corporate / M&A
Law Firms: Energy Law
Law Firms: Fund Structuring
Law Firms: Private Equity
Law Firms: Project Finance
Law Firms: Real Estate
Law Firms: Restructuring & Insolvency
Law Firms: Tax Law
Law Firms: Venture Capital

SWEDEN

Law Firms: Banking and Finance
Law Firms: Corporate Tax
Law Firms: M&A and Corporate Law

SWITZERLAND

Law Firms: Banking & Finance
Law Firms: Capital Markets
Law Firms: Corporate / M&A
Law Firms: Corporate tax
Law Firms: Fintech
Law Firms: Fund Structuring
Law Firms: Merger Control
Law Firms: Real Estate
Law Firms: Restructuring & Insolvency
Law Firms: Transfer Pricing
Law Firms: Wealth Management
Investment Banks: M&A
Multi-family Offices: Wealth Management
Private Banks: Wealth Management
Private Equity Firms
Transaction Services Firms
Transfer Pricing Firms
Venture Capital Firms

UK

Law Firms: Acquisition Finance
Law Firms: Banking & Finance
Law Firms: Corporate Tax
Law Firms: Debt Capital Markets
Law Firms: Equity Capital Markets
Law Firms: Fund Structuring
Law Firms: M&A (Large-Cap)
Law Firms: M&A (Mid-Cap)
Law Firms: Merger Control
Law Firms: Private Equity (LBOs Large Cap)
Law Firms: Private Equity (LBOs Mid-Cap)
Law Firms: Restructuring & Insolvency
Law Firms: Venture Capital
Investment Banks: M&A (Industrials)
Investment Banks: M&A (Retail & Consumer Goods)



UK

Private Equity Firms: Industrials
Private Equity Firms: LBOs
Private Equity Firms: Retail & Consumer Goods

North America

CANADA

Law Firms: Banking & Finance (Regulatory)
Law Firms: Banking & Finance
Law Firms: Capital Markets
Law Firms: Corporate Tax
Law Firms: Fund Formation
Law Firms: M&A (Large-Cap)
Law Firms: M&A (Small to Mid-Cap)
Law Firms: Merger Control & Antitrust
Law Firms: Private Equity
Law Firms: Project Finance
Law Firms: Restructuring & Insolvency
Investment Banks: Energy
Investment Banks: M&A
Private Equity Firms

MEXICO

Law Firms: Agrarian Law
Law Firms: Banking & Finance
Law Firms: Corporate / M&A
Law Firms: Corporate Tax
Law Firms: Fintech
Law Firms: Labor
Law Firms: Merger Control
Law Firms: Nearshoring
Law Firms: Projects & Infrastructure
Law Firms: Real Estate
Law Firms: Tax Litigation
Law Firms: Wealth Management
International Investment Banks: M&A
Local Investment Banks: M&A

UNITED STATES

Law Firms: Acquisition Finance
Law Firms: Banking & Finance (Regulatory)
Law Firms: Banking & Finance
Law Firms: Corporate Tax
Law Firms: Debt Capital Markets
Law Firms: Equity Capital Markets
Law Firms: Fund Formation
Law Firms: M&A (Large Cap)
Law Firms: M&A (Small to Mid-Cap)
Law Firms: Merger Control
Law Firms: Private Equity
Law Firms: Project Finance
Law Firms: Restructuring & Insolvency
Law Firms: Venture Capital
Consulting Firms: Restructuring
Investment Banks
Private Equity Firms: LBOs
Proxy Solicitation Firms
Venture Capital Firms



Central America

COSTA RICA

Law Firms: Corporate Tax
Law Firms: Corporate / M&A
Law Firms: Real Estate

GUATEMALA

Law Firms: Corporate / M&A
Law Firms: Corporate Tax

PANAMA

Law Firms: Corporate Tax
Law Firms: Corporate / M&A

South America

ARGENTINA

Law Firms: Banking & Finance
Law Firms: Corporate / M&A
Law Firms: Corporate Tax
Law Firms: Energy Law
Law Firms: Fintech
Law Firms: Labor Law
Law Firms: Merger Control
Law Firms: Startups & Innovation
Law Firms: Wealth Management

BOLIVIA

Law Firms: Banking & Finance
Law Firms: Corporate / M&A
Law Firms: Corporate Tax
Law Firms: Labor Law

BRAZIL

Law Firms: Agribusiness
Law Firms: Aviation Law
Law Firms: Banking & Finance
Law Firms: Banking & Finance (Regulatory)
Law Firms: Bankruptcy
Law Firms: Capital Markets (International Law Firms)
Law Firms: Corporate/M&A (International Law Firms)
Law Firms: Capital Markets (Regulatory)
Law Firms: Corporate/M&A (Large-Cap)
Law Firms: Corporate/M&A (Mid-Cap)
Law Firms: Corporate/M&A (Small-Cap)
Law Firms: Corporate (Regulatory)
Law Firms: Debt Capital Markets
Law Firms: Environmental Law
Law Firms: Equity Capital Markets
Law Firms: Fund Structuring
Law Firms: Government Relations
Law Firms: International Trade
Law Firms: Merger Control
Law Firms: Mining Law
Law Firms: Oil & Gas
Law Firms: Power Law
Law Firms: Private Equity



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BRAZIL

Law Firms: Project Development
Law Firms: Project Finance
Law Firms: Public Law
Law Firms: Real Estate
Law Firms: Shipping
Law Firms: Tax Advisory
Law Firms: Tax Litigation
Law Firms: Tax (Agribusiness)
Law Firms: Tax (Financial Services)
Law Firms: Tax (TMT)
Law Firms: Wealth Management
Law Firms: Corporate/Commercial (Center-West)
Law Firms: Corporate/Commercial (North)
Law Firms: Corporate/Commercial (Northeast)
Law Firms: Corporate/Commercial (South)
Law Firms: Corporate/Commercial (Southeast)
Law Firms: General Business Law (Regional Firms of São Paulo)
Law Firms: Tax (Center-West)
Law Firms: Tax (North)
Law Firms: Tax (Northeast)
Law Firms: Tax (South)
Law Firms: Tax (Southeast)
Firms to Watch: Environmental Law
Firms to Watch: M&A
Firms to Watch: Power Law
Firms to Watch: Public Law
Firms to Watch: Real Estate
Firms to Watch: Tax Law
Firms to Watch: Wealth Management
Auditing & Accounting Firms: Center-West
Auditing & Accounting Firms: North
Auditing & Accounting Firms: Northeast
Auditing & Accounting Firms: South
Financial Audit
Outsourcing / BPO
Transfer Pricing Firms
Consulting Firms: Board Services
Consulting Firms: IPO Readiness
Consulting Firms: Restructuring & Insolvency
Consulting Firms: Tax Advisory
Consulting Firms: Transaction Services (Due Diligence)
Consulting Firms: Transaction Services (Valuation)
Financial Translation Firms
Headhunters: Financial
Headhunters: Human Resources
Headhunters: Legal
Independent Advisors: DCM
Independent Advisors: M&A Mid-lower cap
Independent Advisors: M&A Mid-upper cap
Investment Banks: DCM
Investment Banks: ECM
Investment Banks: M&A
Private Equity Funds
Real Estate Investment Funds: Managers
Venture Capital: Seed & Early Stage
Venture Capital: Series A
Venture Capital: Series B and On
Wealth Management: Family Offices
Wealth Management: Private Banks



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CHILE

Law Firms: Banking & Finance
Law Firms: Corporate / M&A
Law Firms: Corporate Tax
Law Firms: Fintech
Law Firms: Immigration Law
Law Firms: Labor Law
Law Firms: Merger Control
Law Firms: Project Finance
Law Firms: Real Estate
Law Firms: Restructuring & Insolvency
Law Firms: Startups & Innovation
Law Firms: Tax Litigation
Law Firms: Wealth Management
Auditing & Accounting Firms
International Investment Banks: M&A
Local Investment Banks: M&A
Private Equity Funds
Venture Capital Funds

COLOMBIA

Law Firms: Aviation Law
Law Firms: Banking & Finance
Law Firms: Corporate / M&A
Law Firms: Corporate Tax
Law Firms: Labor Law
Law Firms: Merger Control
Law Firms: Restructuring & Insolvency
Law Firms: Startups & Innovation
Law Firms: Wealth Management
Auditing & Accounting Firms
International Investment Banks: M&A
Local Investment Banks: M&A

ECUADOR

Law Firms: Banking & Finance
Law Firms: Corporate / M&A
Law Firms: Corporate Tax
Law Firms: Labor Law
Law Firms: Mining Law
Law Firms: Real Estate

PERU

Law Firms: Banking & Finance
Law Firms: Banking & Finance (Regulatory)
Law Firms: Corporate / M&A
Law Firms: Corporate Tax
Law Firms: Fintech
Law Firms: Labor Law
Law Firms: Project Finance
Law Firms: Real Estate
Law Firms: Restructuring & Insolvency
Law Firms: Tax Litigation
Law Firms: Venture Capital
Law Firms: Wealth Management
Accounting Outsourcing
Auditing & Accounting Firms
Consulting Firms: Transfer Pricing
Consulting Firms: Wealth Management
Investment Banks: M&A
Private Equity Funds
Venture Capital Funds



URUGUAY

Law Firms: Banking & Finance
Law Firms: Corporate Tax
Law Firms: Corporate / M&A
Law Firms: Labor Law
Law Firms: Wealth Management
Auditing & Accounting Firms

Asia

CHINA

International Law Firms: Banking & Finance
International Law Firms: Tax
International Law Firms: M&A
International Law Firms: Merger Control
International Law Firms: Private Equity
International Law Firms: Restructuring & Insolvency

INDIA

Law Firms: Banking & Finance
Law Firms: Corporate Tax
Law Firms: M&A
Law Firms: Merger Control
Law Firms: Private Equity
Law Firms: Restructuring & Insolvency
Investment Banks: M&A

JAPAN

International Law Firms: Tax
International Law Firms: M&A
International Law Firms: Merger Control
International Law Firms: Restructuring & Insolvency

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RESEARCH CYCLE III

Research Cycle III covers all domains related to **Dispute Resolution, Competition, Labor, Insurance, Investigations, and other related practice areas.**

For Latin America (excluding Brazil), Labor Law is researched during Research Cycle II.

Below you will find the corresponding practice areas for all countries included in this campaign (please note that research dates and practice areas may be subject to change).

The rankings from this cycle are published in our international guidebooks: **Litigation & Arbitration, Investigations, Compliance & Insurance** and **Human Capital & Labor Law.**

DATES

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Europe

AUSTRIA

Law Firms: Commercial Litigation
Law Firms: Competition Litigation
Law Firms: International Arbitration
Law Firms: Labor Law
Law Firms: White-Collar Crime
Arbitrators

BELGIUM

Law Firms: Commercial Litigation
Law Firms: Competition Litigation
Law Firms: Compliance
Law Firms: Employment Law
Law Firms: Insurance Law
Law Firms: International Arbitration
Law Firms: White-Collar Crime
Arbitrators
Audit Firms: Compliance
Consulting Firms: Compliance
Forensics and Complex Investigations Firms
Recruitment Firms: Compliance

DENMARK

Law Firms: Dispute Resolution
Law Firms: Labor Law
Law Firms: EU & Competition Litigation
Law Firms: Insurance Law

FINLAND

Law Firms: Dispute Resolution
Law Firms: EU & Competition Litigation
Law Firms: Labor Law

GERMANY

Law Firms: Competition Law
Law Firms: Commercial Litigation
Law Firms: Compliance & Investigations
Law Firms: Domestic Arbitration
Law Firms: Insurance Law
Law Firms: International Arbitration
Law Firms: Labor Law
Law Firms: White-Collar Crime
Arbitrators
Arbitration Centers

ICELAND

Law Firms: Dispute Resolution
Law Firms: EEA & Competition Litigation

IRELAND

Law Firms: Dispute Resolution

ITALY

Law Firms: Banking & Finance Litigation
Law Firms: Commercial Litigation
Law Firms: Competition Law
Law Firms: Compliance
Law Firms: Insurance Advisory



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ITALY

Law Firms: Insurance Litigation
Law Firms: International Arbitration
Law Firms: Labor Advisory
Law Firms: Labor Litigation
Law Firms: White-Collar Crime
Arbitrators: International
Arbitrators: Domestic
Payroll Services & HR Consultancy
Expert Firms: Competition Litigation
Litigation Funds

LUXEMBOURG

Law Firms: Commercial Litigation
Law Firms: Insurance Law
Law Firms: International Arbitration
Law Firms: Investigations & White-Collar Crime
Law Firms: Labor Law

MONACO

Law Firms: Civil & Commercial Litigation
Legal Advisors: Civil & Commercial Litigation

NETHERLANDS

Law Firms: Antitrust & Competition
Law Firms: Commercial Litigation
Law Firms: Insurance
Law Firms: International Arbitration

NORWAY

Law Firms: Dispute Resolution
Law Firms: Employment Law
Law Firms: EEA & Competition Litigation
Law Firms: Insurance Law

POLAND

Law Firms: Antitrust
Law Firms: Dispute Resolution
Law Firms: Labor Law

PORTUGAL

Law Firms: Civil and Commercial Litigation
Law Firms: International Arbitration
Law Firms: Labor Law
Law Firms: White-Collar Crime
Arbitrators

SPAIN

Law Firms: Commercial Litigation
Law Firms: Compliance
Law Firms: International Arbitration
Law Firms: Labor Advisory
Law Firms: Labor Litigation
Law Firms: White-Collar Crime
Arbitrators
Litigation Support & Forensics Firms
Legal Recruitment Firms
Litigation Funds

SWEDEN

Law Firms: Dispute Resolution
Law Firms: Employment Law



SWEDEN

Law Firms: EU & Competition Litigation
Law Firms: Insurance Law

SWITZERLAND

Law Firms: Banking & Finance Litigation
Law Firms: Commercial Litigation
Law Firms: Competition Litigation
Law Firms: Insurance Litigation
Law Firms: Insurance Regulatory
Law Firms: International Arbitration
Law Firms: Investigations & Compliance
Law Firms: Labor Advisory
Law Firms: Labor Litigation
Law Firms: White-Collar Crime
Arbitrators

UK

Law Firms: Commercial Litigation
Law Firms: Compliance (Individuals)
Law Firms: Insurance Litigation (Insurers)
Law Firms: Insurance Litigation (Policyholders)
Law Firms: International Arbitration
Law Firms: Investigations & White-Collar Crime (Corporates)
Law Firms: Investigations & White-Collar Crime (Individuals)
Law Firms: Labor (Employers)
Law Firms: Labor: (Managers)
Litigation Funders
Arbitration Funders

Central America

COSTA RICA

Law Firms: Dispute Resolution
Arbitrators

PANAMA

Law Firms: Dispute Resolution
Arbitrators

Latin America

Litigation Funding

South America

ARGENTINA

Law Firms: Arbitration
Law Firms: Bankruptcy Litigation
Law Firms: Civil & Commercial Litigation
Law Firms: Competition & Antitrust
Law Firms: Compliance
Law Firms: Insurance Litigation
Law Firms: White-Collar Crime
Arbitrators
Forensic & Complex Investigations Firms



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BOLIVIA

Law Firms: Dispute Resolution

BRAZIL

Law Firms: Antitrust Investigations

Law Firms: Arbitration

Law Firms: Cartel Damage Claims

Law Firms: Civil & Commercial Litigation

Law Firms: Compliance

Law Firms: Consumer Law

Law Firms: Corporate Governance

Law Firms: Dispute Resolution (Firms to Watch)

Law Firms: Dispute Resolution (Superior Courts)

Law Firms: Education

Law Firms: Electoral Law

Law Firms: Human Rights

Law Firms: Immigration and Emigration

Law Firms: Insurance & Reinsurance

Law Firms: Internal Investigations

Law Firms: Labor Advisory

Law Firms: Labor Litigation

Law Firms: Labor (Firms to Watch)

Law Firms: Large-Scale Consumer Litigation

Law Firms: Large-Scale Credit Recovery

Law Firms: Large-Scale Labor Litigation

Law Firms: Third Sector

Law Firms: White-Collar Crime

Law Firms: Dispute Resolution (Center-West)

Law Firms: Dispute Resolution (North)

Law Firms: Dispute Resolution (Northeast)

Law Firms: Dispute Resolution (South)

Law Firms: Dispute Resolution (Southeast)

Law Firms: Labor (Center-West)

Law Firms: Labor (North)

Law Firms: Labor (Northeast)

Law Firms: Labor (South)

Law Firms: Labor (Southeast)

Arbitration Centers

Arbitrators

Legal Opinions

Mediators

Consulting Firms: Compliance

Consulting Firms: Construction Measurement

Consulting Firms: Global Mobility

Consulting Firms: Human Resources

Consulting Firms: Labor Advisory

Consulting Firms: Risk Management

Legal Auctioneers

Real Estate Regularization

Litigation Support & Expert Witnesses: Accounting

Litigation Support & Expert Witnesses: Economics

Litigation Support & Expert Witnesses: Engineering

Litigation Support & Expert Witnesses: Environmental

Litigation Support & Expert Witnesses: Graphotechnical

Forensics & Complex Investigations Firms

Medical Evidence

Real Estate Evaluation

Communication Agencies: Crisis Communication

Headhunters: Engineering

Legal Translation Firms

Judicial Administrators

Litigation Funders



CHILE

Law Firms: Administrative Litigation
Law Firms: Antitrust
Law Firms: Arbitration
Law Firms: Civil & Commercial Litigation
Law Firms: Competition Law
Law Firms: Compliance
Law Firms: Dispute Resolution (Construction)
Law Firms: Dispute Resolution (Major Strategists)
Law Firms: Environmental Law
Law Firms: Insurance Litigation
Law Firms: White-Collar Crime
Arbitrators
Mediators
Consulting Firms: Crisis Communication
Litigation Support: Antitrust Litigation
Litigation Support: Construction & Engineering
Litigation Support: Economics

COLOMBIA

Law Firms: Antitrust
Law Firms: Arbitration
Law Firms: Civil & Commercial Litigation
Law Firms: Compliance
Law Firms: Insurance Litigation
Law Firms: Shareholder Litigation
Law Firms: White-Collar Crime
Arbitration Centers
Arbitrators
Forensics & Complex Investigations Firms
Litigation Support: Construction & Engineering
Litigation Support: Finance & Economics

ECUADOR

Law Firms: Administrative Litigation
Law Firms: Arbitration
Law Firms: Civil & Commercial Litigation
Law Firms: Competition & Antitrust
Law Firms: Compliance
Law Firms: White-Collar Crime
Arbitration Centers
Arbitrators
Mediators

PERU

Law Firms: Administrative Litigation
Law Firms: Arbitration
Law Firms: Civil & Commercial Litigation
Law Firms: Insurance Litigation
Law Firms: Competition & Antitrust
Law Firms: Compliance
Law Firms: Dispute Resolution (Construction)
Law Firms: White-Collar Crime
Arbitration Centers
Arbitrators
Foreign Arbitrators
Consulting Firms: Compliance
Consulting Firms: Crisis Communication
Legal Opinions
Forensics & Complex Investigations Firms



PERU

Litigation Support (Local Firms): Construction & Engineering
Litigation Support (International Firms): Construction & Engineering
Litigation Support (Local Firms): Financing & Economics
Litigation Support (International Firms): Financing & Economics

URUGUAY

Law Firms: Arbitration
Law Firms: Bankruptcy Litigation
Law Firms: Civil & Commercial Litigation
Law Firms: Compliance
Law Firms: White-Collar Crime
Arbitrators
Consulting Firms: Crisis Communication
Legal Opinions: Dispute Resolution
Legal Opinions: Labor

North America

CANADA

Law Firms: Commercial Litigation
Law Firms: Competition Litigation
Law Firms: Insurance Law
Law Firms: International Arbitration
Law Firms: Labor Litigation
Law Firms: White-Collar Crime

MEXICO

Law Firms: Arbitration
Law Firms: Administrative Litigation
Law Firms: Bankruptcy Litigation
Law Firms: Civil & Commercial Litigation
Law Firms: Compliance
Law Firms: Competition & Antitrust
Law Firms: Insurance Litigation
Law Firms: White-Collar Crime
Arbitration Centers
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USA

Law Firms: Antitrust Litigation
Law Firms: Benefits, Executive Compensation and Pension Plans
Law Firms: Commercial Litigation
Law Firms: Insurance Advisory
Law Firms: Insurance Litigation (Insurers)
Law Firms: Insurance Litigation (Policyholders)
Law Firms: Insurance Litigation (Product Liability)
Law Firms: International Arbitration
Law Firms: International Arbitration
Law Firms: International Arbitration (Investment)
Law Firms: Labor Litigation
Law Firms: Restructuring & Insolvency
Law Firms: Securities Litigation
Law Firms: White-Collar Crime
Arbitration Funders
Expert Firms: Forensics & Investigations
Litigation Funders



Asia

CHINA

Law Firms: Commercial Litigation

Law Firms: Labor Litigation

Law Firms: International Arbitration

HONG KONG

Law Firms: International Arbitration

INDIA

Law Firms: Commercial Litigation

Law Firms: Insurance Law

Law Firms: International Arbitration

Law Firms: Labor Litigation

Law Firms: White-Collar Crime

JAPAN

Law Firms: Labor Litigation

SINGAPORE

Law Firms: International Arbitration

TURKEY

Law Firms: Dispute Resolution

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METHODOLOGY

Our research process spans a four-month period for each research cycle. This includes collecting data in a three-month process, and an additional month to process the data and establish the rankings.

Leaders League rankings rely on four main data sources and various criteria to create or update a ranking.

1. Firms that apply for a ranking

Submission Forms: The firm can complete a submission form where detailed information is requested on the firm's performance in the last 12 months in the specific area being evaluated. The form requires the following information: 1. The top 10 cases in the last year; 2. The composition of the team (partners, associates); 3. Differentiation from competitors; 4. Clients and new business; 5. Significant changes in teams or staff; 6. A list of client referees with contact details.

The form is of utmost importance to our research: it provides firms with the opportunity to inform us why they should be ranked, justifying this by recapping their performance in that specific area over the last 12 months.

Interviews: We provide the opportunity for the firms to be interviewed by the editor in charge of the ranking. The meeting allows a further conversation about the firm's performance, strategy and the state of the market. It is a confidential interview that allows the firm to expand further on topics that might not be revealed in the submission form.

2. Client Feedback

We currently have a consolidated database that contains many of the leading legal and financial advisors, general counsels and CFOs in each country. They are contacted by Leaders League to give their feedback on the area we are researching. In addition to this database, we also contact all clients listed in the referee forms by firms that submit (removing any contacts duplicated from our database).

An important point to note is that **we do not contact clients on behalf of a specific firm** but, instead, on behalf of our own organization and research. This is because: 1. We do not want to "meddle" in your relationship with your client, and 2. We believe that the feedback we receive when contacting in this way is much more spontaneous, leaving the client much more at ease to comment on the firms he/she has worked with, elaborate on their experience and share praise or criticism.



3. Peer Feedback

In both the submission forms and the interviews, we ask that firms recommend and comment on peers in the market.

We also collect their opinions on lawyers they have worked with in other jurisdictions.

It is important to note that by no means do we take as “truth” what peers say about each other, understanding that there is an intrinsic bias to this type of feedback.

4. Qualified third-party review

This is a source unique to Leaders League due to its positioning. As Leaders League ranks different service providers – law firms, audit firms, investment banks, expert witness firms and many others – we are in touch with all of them during the research. This enables us to collect the opinion of a wide range of professionals depending on the area of expertise we are assessing, who are neither clients nor competitors of the ranked firm.

For example, when researching the best law firms in M&A, we take feedback from investment banks into account; when we are researching the best expert witness firms for arbitration, we obtain input from arbitrators, lawyers representing clients, and other key parties. Our reach gives us a wide view of the market to strengthen the validity of our rankings.

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