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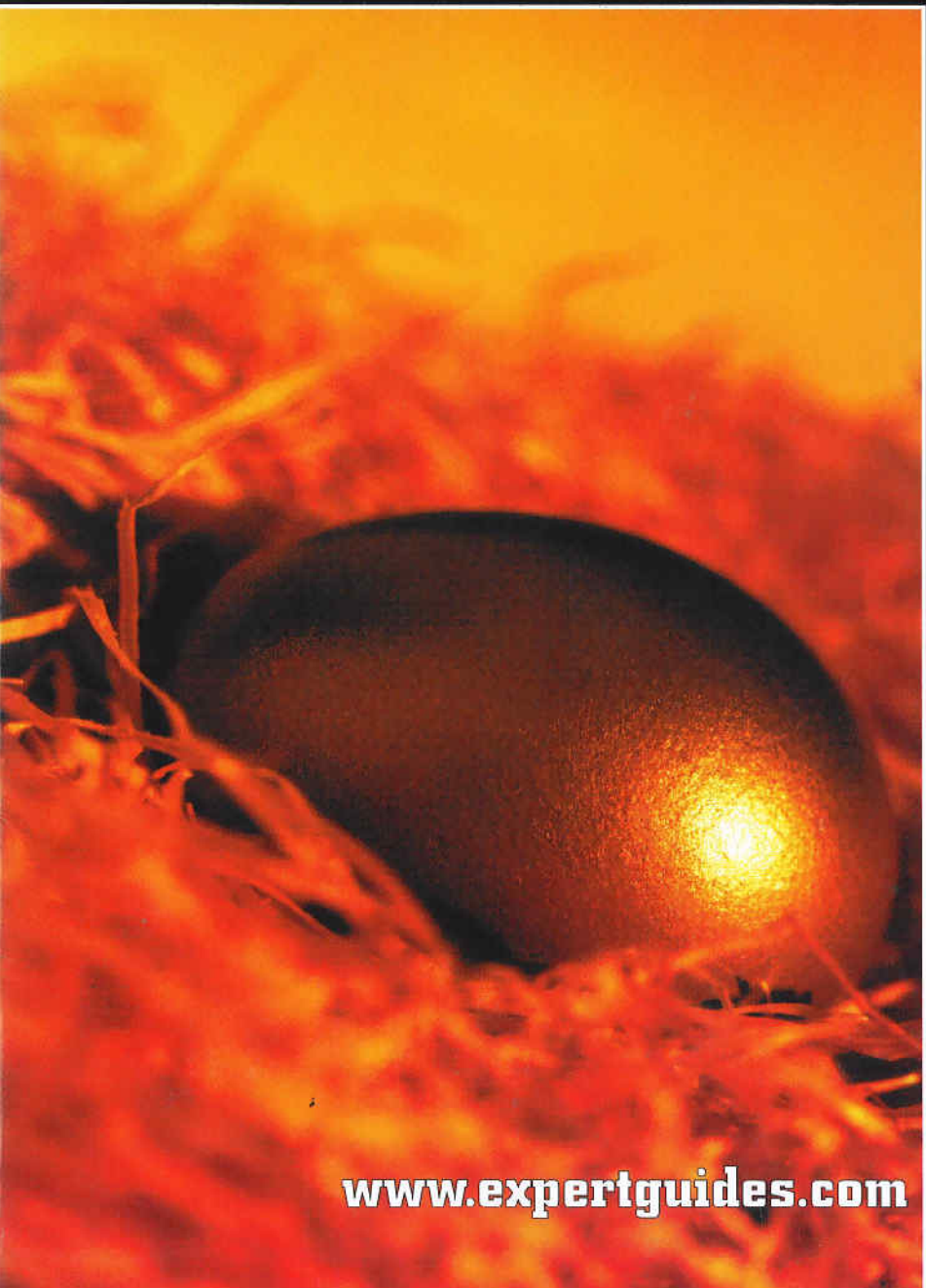


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# Methodology

Legal Media Group was the first to publish international guides to individual lawyers in 1994 and this 2005 *Guide to the World's Leading Private Equity Lawyers* contains only individuals nominated by clients and peers as leading advisers in the field. The guides are designed primarily for individuals who require access to pre-eminent practitioners in specific areas of law for the purpose of instruction on an international basis.

To ensure the credibility of this publication, Legal Media Group commissioned its research department to carry out an in-depth study of experts in the field of private equity law.

The initial stage of the research process involved distributing 3,500 questionnaires to senior practitioners or in-house counsel involved in the practice area in 50 jurisdictions. The questionnaires asked leading figures to nominate those practitioners they considered to be among the most capable for private equity work. The results were analyzed and screened for firm, network and alliance bias.

As a final verification, the list was discussed with a select group of advisers from leading legal centres worldwide, including: Chicago, London, Los Angeles, Montreal, New York, Paris, San Francisco, Sydney, Tokyo, Toronto, Vancouver, Vienna and Washington DC.

At the culmination of this process the researchers had identified 306 specialists in 27 jurisdictions. Once nominated, each individual was invited to enhance their complimentary listing by publishing a professional biography. Those submitting biographies were encouraged to provide information that would be of particular interest to clients. Where professional etiquette permitted, details of notable clients and cases were requested.

The *Guide to the World's Leading Private Equity Lawyers* is designed to act as an adjunct to traditional sources of opinion on experts in this field. The guide owes its value to the many individuals who took the time to complete questionnaires and meet our researchers. Their help is much appreciated.

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