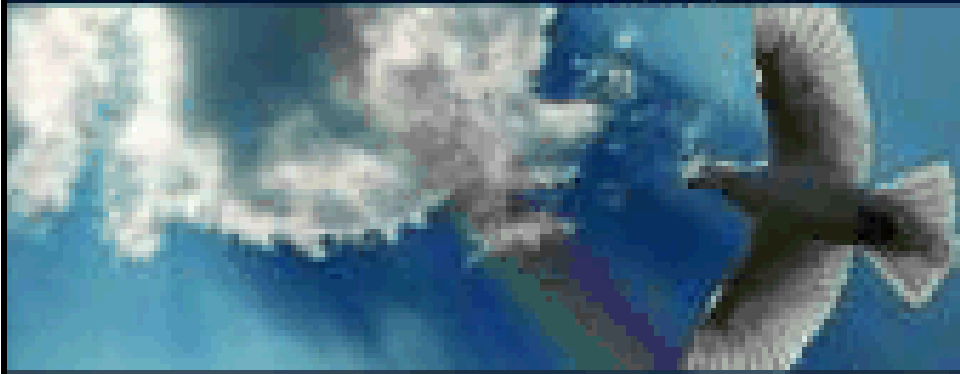


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The guides for each practice area are updated every two years. Our research process involves sending over 4,000 questionnaires to senior practitioners or in-house counsel involved in each practice area in over 60 jurisdictions, asking them to nominate leading practitioners based on their work and reputation. The results are analysed and screened for firm, network and alliance bias. The list of experts is then discussed and refined with advisers in legal centres worldwide.

Our researchers have compiled a list of specialists in 37 jurisdictions for this guide. These specialists have been independently offered the opportunity to enhance their listing with a professional biography. The biographies give readers valuable, detailed information regarding each lawyer's practice and, if appropriate, their work and clients.

We owe the success of this guide to all the in-house counsel and firms that completed questionnaires and met our researchers. Thank you. We hope you find the guide to be a useful tool. All information was believed to be correct at the time of going to press.

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