

**News**

## **BCLP RANKED IN LEGAL 500 EMEA 2026**

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BCLP is pleased to announce that it has been ranked in the Legal 500 EMEA Guide 2026. The firm received 22 practice area rankings across 5 jurisdictions.

12 lawyers received individual rankings including, Philip Hecht, Oliver Hallsworth, and Flora Haider who entered the rankings for the first time

- Hannah Gohar - Leading Associate, United Arab Emirates, Real Estate
- Farida Sadiq – United Arab Emirates, Real Estate
- Philip Hecht – Hall of Fame, United Arab Emirates, Real Estate
- Richard Dupay – United Arab Emirates, Construction
- Oliver Hallsworth – Next Generation Partner, United Arab Emirates, Commercial Contracts
- Flora Haider – Leading Associate, United Arab Emirates, Commercial Contracts
- Olivier Mesmin – Leading Partner, France, Tax
- Christine Daric – Leading Partner, France, Tax
- Julie Catala Marty – Leading Partner, France, EU, Competition and Distribution
- Jean-Louis Martin – Leading Partner, France, Real Estate
- Vincent Trevisani – Leading Partner, Energy Projects
- Christian Lonquich – Leading Partner. Germany, Real Estate
- Frank Schwem - Leading Partner, Germany, Real Estate Finance

**BCLP's Dubai Real Estate** team maintained its stellar Tier 1 ranking, crystallising its position as a top-tier practice in the region. The Construction team also retained its Tier 2 ranking, noted for its cross-border construction mandates and FIDIC contracts. The team is also recognised for its

Commercial Contracts and Dispute Resolution: arbitration and international litigation practices.

Clients remarked:

- *“The Real Estate team provides actionable advice and a proactive approach to construction risk management.”*
- *“BCLP have an excellent team based in Abu Dhabi, they have excellent knowledge of the real estate sector and apply a highly commercial approach to advice and transactions generally.”*
- *“The partners are very responsive and allocate work to their team as appropriate, whilst maintaining a close watching brief.”*

**BCLP’s Saudi Arabia** team was ranked for the first time for Dispute Resolution. Under the leadership of Othman Alshmary, the team is noted for its handling of contentious construction matters and working across the healthcare, energy and manufacturing sectors.

In **Paris**, the team received 13 practice area rankings, including brand new rankings for Media and Entertainment: Sports headed by Jean-Louis Martin, and Industry Focus: IT and Internet. The team also maintained its two ‘Firm to Watch’ rankings for Private Equity: Fund Formation and Banking and Finance: Bank Regulatory, and elevated to Tier 3 for Compliance. The Competition, Litigation, Real Estate, Energy, Tax and Employment groups are also ranked. Clients noted:

- Dispute Resolution: *“Excellent knowledge of the banking sector in addition to litigation expertise. A cohesive team with good information sharing and diverse profiles.”*
- EU, Competition, and Distribution: *“Julie Catala Marty is a remarkable practitioner of competition law. She combines an encyclopaedic knowledge of the subject with a highly developed creativity.”*
- Industry Focus: Energy : *“True energy sector professionals, with flexibility and good communication.”*
- Tax: *“The team boasts a wealth of true specialists in every aspect of the law who are all attentive and skilled communicators.”*

Dave Anderson leads **BCLP’s Brussels** EU and Competition practice which is noted for its ‘significant experience in handling high-value merger control mandates’ with sector strength across energy, shipping, financial services, and technology.

**BCLP’s German team** received 4 practice area rankings and maintained its ‘Firm to Watch’ ranking for Employment. It was also highlighted for its Real Estate expertise, for its handling of cross-border real estate investments leveraging its pan-European offices.

Client Commentary:

- *“The team is highly responsive and commercial in negotiations.”*
- *“Albrecht von Breitenbuch is a very diligent and trustworthy advocate. He has a great understanding of the needs of a broad range of clients.”*

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## **MEET THE TEAM**



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