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## Locke Lord's London Lawyers, Practice Areas Again Earn Recognition in *Chambers UK 2015* Rankings Guide

**November 5, 2014** – Seven lawyers in Locke Lord's London office have been recognized as leaders in their fields by *Chambers UK 2015*, a guide that has a widespread following throughout the legal industry for its ranking of lawyers and law firms.

Receiving recognition in the current guide are [Daniel Polden](#), [Damian Cleary](#), [Gavin Coull](#), [Kevin Heath](#), [Paula Howard](#), [Ian McKenna](#) and [James Channo](#). Polden earned a Band 1 ranking this year – up from Band 2 in last year's guide – in London (Firms), Real Estate: Lower Mid-Market.

The London office also received practice-wide recognition in the fields of Financial Services: Payments Law; Insurance: Contentious Claims; and Insurance: Reinsurance.

"Given the fact that our London office has been open less than three years, this recognition of our lawyers and practice areas for the second year in a row is a strong endorsement of our commitment to providing the highest level of client service," said [Roger Abrahams](#), head of Locke Lord's London office.

Lawyers receiving recognition in the following areas are:

UK-Wide, Consumer Finance

- Kevin Heath - Band 3
- Paula Howard - Band 3

London (Firms), Corporate/M&A: Mid-Market

- James Channo – Band 4

UK-Wide, Insurance: Contentious Claims

- Damian Cleary - Band 5
- Gavin Coull - Band 4

UK-Wide, Insurance: Reinsurance

- Damian Cleary - Band 5
- Gavin Coull - Band 4
- Ian McKenna - Band 2

London (Firms), Real Estate: Lower Mid-Market



- Daniel Polden - Band 1

The Practice Area UK-wide rankings are:

- Financial Services: Payments Law - Band 1
- Insurance: Contentious Claims - Band 5
- Insurance: Reinsurance - Band 4

*Chambers UK, Chambers Global* and other *Chambers & Partners* publications base their rankings on work product submissions by the firms and interviews with lawyers and clients around the world. A team of more than 150 researchers and editors assess the results and rank lawyers and practice areas based on market opinion. Lawyers recognized are considered leaders in their fields. At least half of the 20,000 in-house counsel surveyed independently by Chambers cited Chambers & Partners as their most trusted source for legal industry information.

Locke Lord consistently ranks among *American Lawyer's* top 100 U.S. law firms. The Firm's full range of practice and industry areas serve national and international clients from offices in Atlanta, Austin, Chicago, Dallas, Hong Kong, Houston, London, Los Angeles, New Orleans, New York, Sacramento, San Francisco and Washington, DC. It has an excellent reputation in complex litigation, regulatory and transactional work, with its 650-plus lawyers building collaborative relationships and crafting creative solutions – all designed and executed to meet clients' long-term strategic goals.

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