

What we say about the firm's legal practice in Luxembourg

Banking and Finance – Band 3

*Handling matters in “a very smooth and pragmatic manner,” this five-partner team has captured a healthy slice of the market. While its finance work is much more prominent on the borrower side, lender work is also an important part of its practice. Work frequently comes from international counsel needing a reliable local partner, and here the team comes into its own. Highlights include a cross-border acquisition financing for a major private equity company, and a large credit agreement involving an asset management company working in the infrastructure sector. **Katia Scheidecker** is the main contact and one of the three partners in the banking and finance team.*

Employment – Band 1

*This firm houses more than 70 professionals and has more than enough employment expertise to service its diverse client base. The emphasis on dispute avoidance and work ancillary to transactions means the seven-lawyer employment team has nurtured a strong profile for counseling and advice. That is not to neglect the dispute resolution side of the practice, which witnessed a rise in demand and activity in 2008. Clients stem from the firm’s core industry base and include companies in the banking, insurance and IT sectors. Admiring peers admit that “the firm has quite an employment law practice, especially outside of pure disputes.” **Marielle Stevenot** heads the employment and employee benefits team, and is one of the few dedicated heads of department for this area in Luxembourg.*

IP & TMT – Band 2

*This 55-lawyer firm is making a determined push into the IP and IT markets. A group of five lawyers covers the main issues; frequently working alongside the firm’s other groups. IP highlights include a vast array of anti-counterfeiting measures, on behalf of clients ranging from children’s entertainment giants to mobile phone manufacturers. Meanwhile, technology work includes handling outsourcing contracts with a large hi-tech component in the financial sector. Feedback from interviewees is positive, with sources commenting: “The firm is successful and has shown real commitment to IP.” Much of this success is thanks to **Gary Cywie**, whose IT, data protection and software skills are gaining deserved attention.*