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Our research process for each guide involves sending over 4,000 questionnaires to senior practitioners or in-house counsel involved in each practice area, 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.

Each expert has been independently offered the opportunity to enhance their listing with a professional biography. These biographies give readers valuable, detailed information regarding each lawyer's practice and, if appropriate, their work and clients.

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