



Tributes were paid to Lawyer of the Year winner, the late Frances Murphy of Slaughter and May

## LAWYER OF THE YEAR

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### FRANCES MURPHY

#### Slaughter and May

##### ONE OF THE FINEST M&A LAWYERS OF A GENERATION

The City lost one of its most outstanding and respected corporate lawyers with the passing of Frances Murphy in 2016. Remembered not only as an exceptional lawyer but also a caring and dedicated mentor and diversity champion, Murphy took the time to look out for juniors coming through the ranks. Murphy joined Slaughters in 1981, becoming a partner in 1990. She built a wide practice and acted on a string of high-profile

transactions at Slaughters, representing some of the firm's largest clients. In 2008, Murphy became Slaughters' first female head of corporate, a post she held until 2014.

The mark Murphy has left behind is perhaps best summed up by the words of the firm's senior partner Steve Cooke, who said: 'Frances was one of the most outstanding corporate lawyers in the City and made an exceptional contribution to the firm. She held the respect of the business community and had a huge reputation in the global legal market. We will really miss her.'

##### HIGHLY COMMENDED

###### MAURICE ALLEN

###### DLA Piper/Ropes & Gray

Allen joins DLA Piper as a consultant in 2017 after making his name as one of the City's most charismatic deal lawyers of his generation, and latterly as founding and managing partner of Ropes & Gray's London practice.

###### PETER CROSSLEY

###### Squire Patton Boggs

Crossley stepped down as Europe and Middle East managing partner at the end of 2016. Elected as Hammonds' managing partner in 2004, Crossley is noted for having guided the firm through its tie-up with Squire, Sanders & Dempsey in 2011 and the subsequent merger with Washington DC lobbying shop Patton Boggs in 2014.

###### JO HICKMAN

###### Public Law Project

In 2016 the Supreme Court unanimously allowed the Public Law Project's (PLP) challenge to the government's proposed residence test for civil legal aid, reversing the judgment of the Court of Appeal. That decision was in large part due to PLP's director Hickman.

###### SUE MILLAR

###### Stephenson Harwood

As head of the firm's leading EU and UK financial sanctions practice, over the last two years Millar and her team have secured victories for five clients in the General Court of the EU. In addition, she led the firm in achieving accreditation from the National Equality Standard, only the fourth organisation to be recognised.

###### MARK RAWLINSON

###### Morgan Stanley

Rawlinson joined Morgan Stanley as its new chair of UK investment banking from Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer at the end of 2016, having left a legacy as one of the most outstanding M&A lawyers of the past 30 years.

###### JOANNE WHEELER

###### Bird & Bird

Wheeler, having worked at both the European Space Agency and Ofcom, received an MBE in the New Year for services to the space sector. A fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society, she specialises in communications, satellite and space regulatory and policy matters.

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