



David Saunderson of Cantab Asset Management with William Underhill of Slaughter and May collecting the award on behalf of Chris Saul

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CHRIS SAUL

Slaughter and May

A CLASS ACT AND A ROLE MODEL

After eight years at the helm, Saul retired from Slaughter and May when his term as senior partner came to an end on 30 April. He steps down after nearly four decades at the firm, having joined as an articled clerk in 1977, including three decades as a partner. Consistently referred to as a class act by clients, peers and all staff, he has made the running of a City blueblood seemingly effortless.

Making his name as a heavyweight corporate partner, Saul took on a five-year term as senior partner in 2008

and was handed a three-year extension in 2013. He has presided over continued success for the firm and helped it to negotiate the global financial crisis, while it shrugged off criticism of its tried-and-tested UK-centric model in the face of the growing international outlook of its traditional four rivals in the Magic Circle.

As Saul himself said in an interview with *Legal Business*: 'Treat everybody in the way you would wish to be treated'. A philosophy that has served an outstanding leader well.

HIGHLY COMMENDED

SUSAN CRICHTON

TSB

Since joining the bank in January 2014, Crichton has overseen a series of high-profile projects that many general counsel wouldn't have the opportunity to deliver in an entire career, including separating the bank from Lloyds then taking it through an IPO. To make this all the more remarkable, they have been achieved against the backdrop of building a legal function from near scratch, including a company secretariat, and increasing the team from ten to 28 lawyers.

IAN FORRESTER QC

White & Case

Having (literally) written the book on EU and competition law and been one of the elder statesmen of antitrust

practitioners for many years, Forrester QC was appointed as the UK's judge at the General Court of European Union (EGC), succeeding judge Nicholas Forwood QC in October 2015. One of 28 judges of the EGC, he has a distinguished career in competition law, trade law, customs, internal market rules, intellectual property and constitutional human rights.

DAVID MORLEY

Allen & Overy

Stepping down after a 36-year career with Allen & Overy, Morley has been widely credited with helping A&O to become the most progressive member of the Magic Circle in recent years. A loyal servant to the firm and, prior to entering management, one of its most

distinguished finance partners, Morley's commitment to wider initiatives, such as the PRIME diversity scheme, underpin his contribution to the profession generally.

PENELOPE WARNE

CMS

As senior partner, Warne is credited with being a visible public face for the firm as well as maintaining her reputation for being a first-rate energy lawyer and contributing to the wider profession as a vocal advocate of diversity, charity and social mobility. Just days after taking the management role, she was thrown into seeing through the Dundas & Wilson takeover and has been instrumental in making the integration of that union a success in 2015.

Congratulations to Chris Saul of Slaughter and May, winner of 'Lawyer of the Year 2016'

And to all the other nominees: David Morley of Allen & Overy, Penelope Warne of CMS, Susan Chrichton of TSB and Ian Forrester QC of White & Case.

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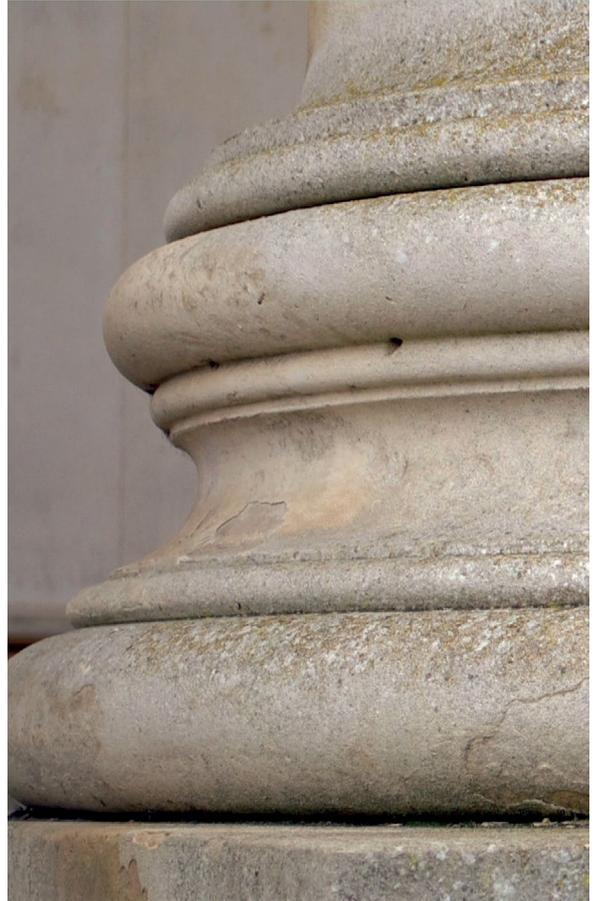
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