

Chambers and Partners 2022 Law Firm and Lawyer Rankings Announced

Winners maintains its Band 1 status in the fields of Corporate/commercial and Environment laws

Attorney Li Hongnan is newly listed in the Environment field as Associates to watch

Chambers & Partner, a world-renowned law firm and lawyer evaluation ranking agency, recently announced the list of the latest law firms and lawyers rankings in 2022. Winners Law Firm continues to remain Band 1 law firm in the Corporate/commercial field and Environment field. What is even more cheerful is that young lawyer Li Hongnan was listed for the first time and was rated as an "Associates to watch" in the Environment law field.

According to Chambers' official website, this year, for the first time, Chambers will conduct research and rankings on the Greater China Region as an independent region. Chambers believes that "the Greater China region is one of the most highly competitive and fastest-growing legal service markets in the Asia-Pacific and even the world, with its huge economic aggregate, unique market characteristics and complexity, as well as a common culture and language in the region. In these respects, the "Chambers Greater China Guide" helps clients in different industries in Greater China to find the best and most suitable legal service providers to help them deal with complex legal issues and changing challenges." From the website we can observe that new law firms added are from many provinces and cities in mainland China, there is no doubt that the competition is becoming more and more fierce. Compared with last year's list, we can say that there are ups and downs. As the comments on the list show Chambers information update is still very fast and accurate.

Chambers Comments on Winners

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Winners Law Firm maintains its Band 1 ranking in the Corporate/commercial field, Chambers comments is: “Winners Law Firm houses a well-established banking and finance team in Tianjin, which works on such matters as structured finance and loan disposal. Additionally offers solid experience in private equity, M&A and real estate matters and is frequently instructed to handle NEEQ listings on behalf of local clients. Sought after for its advice on environment law. Its expertise in corporate/M&A and finance is sought after by state-owned enterprises. Further noted for its uptake in handling mixed-ownership reform mandates. Particularly active in the Tianjin Economic-Technological Development Area. Respected for its dispute resolution offering on behalf of corporate clients. Has further bolstered its offering by merging with the healthcare-specialised Tianjin Zhengbin Law Firm. One source highlights that the team's ‘professionalism and reputation are good.’”

Winners Chief Partner Li Haibo maintains his Eminent Practitioners ranking in the Corporate/commercial field, Chambers comments on him is: “Li Haibo enjoys a stellar reputation for excellence in his real estate and environmental law practice. He is also a well-experienced arbitrator and litigator. A market source who "respects him a lot" says that ‘Li Haibo has character and principles.’”

Senior Partner Niu Tongxu maintains his Band 1 ranking in the Corporate/commercial field, Chambers comments on him is: “Niu Tongxu possesses extensive experience in matters relating to insurance, as well as banking and financing. A market observer remarks: ‘Niu Tongxu is a bit younger but doing well. He is very professional and dedicated.’”

In the field of Environment laws, Winners also maintains its ranking as a Band 1 law firm: “Winners Law Firm houses a respected team with a notable offering in the environmental sphere. Well experienced in handling environmental compliance and risk assessment as well as emission reduction and projects. In addition, its expertise in administrative litigation and penalty cases is in high demand. Also provides training in relation to environmental law enforcement for state bodies and corporate clients. Instructed by ENN Group, a Chinese energy entity, to advise on various legal mandates including compliance and EHS (environment, health and safety) matters.”

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Regarding the two Eminent Practitioners in the Environment law field, lawyer Li Haibo and Shen Jinzhong, Chambers commented: “Chief partner Li Haibo is well regarded for his considerable expertise in the environmental law space. He typically advises corporate clients on administrative law cases and provides training to state bodies and private companies.” “Shen Jinzhong regularly assists ecology and environmental bureaus and domestic companies on administrative litigation cases and compliance matters, as well as offering training regarding environmental law enforcement to government bodies and corporate clients. Shen also teaches at Nankai University School of Law.”

What is worth celebrating is that lawyer Li Hongnan, who has been deeply involved in the Environment law field, was listed for the first time this year. Chambers commented: “Li Hongnan is considered an "up-and-coming lawyer," according to a market commentator who also notes that "she is a very good and hard-working lawyer." She assists domestic entities on environmental law mandates relating to pollution and waste treatment issues.”

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