

Information technology category
■ Stand-out
■ Highly commended
■ Commended

Firm name	Name of innovation	Originality	Rationale	Impact	Total	Description
Wragge & Co	Strategic IT advice from partner Derek Southall and team	8	8	7	23	Free consultancy to in-house counsel on technology. Very few law firms are willing to share best practice on IT. Mr Southall is commended for combining legal and IT knowhow to give practical advice.
Mills & Reeve	Free internet-based health-care resource centre covering 40 areas of law	6	8	8	22	Free access for NHS clients to deliver initial legal information so that these clients could streamline questions and instructions more cost effectively. It also improved governance and reduced legal risks.
Linklaters	Leveraged Term Sheet Generator to simplify the documentation on highly complex leveraged buy-outs	7	8	7	22	This gives banks competing on leveraged financings huge time savings. The production of leveraged term sheets has gone down from eight hours to 30 minutes. This thinking software allows for all possible wordings and questions.
Teacher Stern Selby	www.ashleycolesurvey.com: website to gather evidence in libel case of football player	8	7	6	21	This featured use of technology to pursue a litigation claim against the Sun and News of the World. The firm set up an online questionnaire to try to quantify damage. A novel way of gathering evidence.
DLA Piper	SPACE - Sales Promotion and Advertising Clearance Electronically	7	6	7	20	A secure internet-based delivery mechanism through which advertising material can be posted by companies for clearance by DLA lawyers.
Baker & McKenzie	Global IP Management	6	6	7	19	Offers clients a comprehensive way to manage their IP portfolios. It has more than 250,000 trademark records under management.
Eversheds	Consumer Insolvency Service (E-CIS)	7	6	6	19	This helps insolvency practitioners and creditors align their interests so the creditor achieves the maximum return possible from the debt owed. E-CIS guides clients through the voting process.
Simmons & Simmons	Online age discrimination resource	6	7	6	19	Pre-empted changes in the legislation to inform, advise and help clients to take action to deal with them. The resource was accompanied by a communications campaign and traditional methods of training.
Clifford Chance	Online services	5	5	8	18	20,000 users in more than 270 organisations use the CC suite of online training and knowledge products in 50 countries and eight languages.
Field Fisher Waterhouse	Opening an office in Second Life, a virtual world	9	6	3	18	First UK law firm to operate in a virtual world in order to connect to virtual clients. The firm has a leading IT practice and this boosts its understanding of these clients. The initiative also promotes the firm's pro bono work, via its virtual art gallery.
Allen & Overy	Streamlining the management of structured debt programmes	6	6	6	18	Managing legal documentation with a key banking client, reducing the time taken to produce documents on a transaction from three hours to 10 minutes. This was in response to client demand, although the firm came up with the innovation which made it so efficient.
Allen & Overy	Online cross-border guides	5	7	6	18	An online tool to manage cross-border risk which highlights key risks for specific users, across industries and countries, via the delivery of a single web page.