

RSG Consulting research methodology for the FT Law 50

Firms ranked in the FT Law 50 were scored against the following key performance indicators:

Name of indicator	Meaning of indicators	Banded points
2007 total score of all entries submitted	Breadth of innovation. Firms are scored on every entry they submitted to the 2007 research process, regardless of whether they were ranked in the final published report.	10
2007 number of stand-out/ highly commended/commended entries ranked in FT report	Quality of entry. Firms are ranked by their success in the report as follows: Stand-out = five points Highly commended = four points Commended = three points	10
2006 total score for ranked entries in the FT Report	History. The performance of firms in last year's report.	5
Profits per equity partner (PEP, 2006 figures) PEP Bands* Band 1: £k = 148 to 398 Band 2: £k = 398 to 648 Band 3: £k = 648 to 898 Band 4: £k = 898 to 1,148 Band 5: £k = 1,148 to 1,398	Success. We also take into account the financial success of the law firm by using PEP figures from The Lawyer magazine.	5
Assessment of management com- mitment and value of innovation in firm	Management commitment. Firms are judged against the extent to which innovation is embedded in the business. The eight private practice categories are used as a guide to make this assessment.	20

The universe of law firms considered in the FT Law 50 consist of all 78 law firms that submitted entries for the report.

**Banding is based on the data from the firms being assessed, as the FT Law 50 is a comparative index.*