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Carey Olsen most highly ranked CI law firm

Carey Olsen was the most highly ranked Channel Islands law firm at the The Lawyer Awards 2008.

It came runner up in the category of “offshore law firm of the year” at the prestigious awards ceremony at the Grosvenor House Hotel, Park Lane in London, and was the only Channel Islands firm to make the top three shortlisted for the accolade.

Billed as the biggest night of the year for the legal profession, The Lawyer Awards celebrate excellence across private practice, the public sector, commerce and industry, and the Bar.

Isle of Man-based firm, Cains, won the “offshore law firm of the year” award and Conyers Dill and Pearman came third, after Carey Olsen.

Judging the submissions was a panel comprising The Lawyer editorial team, representatives from the City and the media.

Within the offshore category judges were looking for evidence of strategic clarity, technical legal excellence and quality control, growth in market share and context of the firm’s progress within the jurisdictions in which it operates.

The establishment and success of Carey Olsen’s “best friends” relationship with Maples and Calder earlier this year was commended by the judges as a key development for the firm.

Carey Olsen’s involvement in the City Code governed public takeover of CI Traders (now SandpiperCI), the largest private employer in the Channel Islands, was highlighted as the stand out deal for the firm over the last 12 months.

Carey Olsen had the most significant role of all Channel Islands-based law firms in this transaction, and its team extended to more than 50 lawyers from its Jersey and Guernsey offices.

Numerous "firsts" achieved by corporate partners in both islands, and ground-breaking cases involving the firm's litigators, were also mentioned.

Such high profile industry recognition comes hot on the trail of Carey Olsen's award win in the "offshore law firm of the year" category at the inaugural Chambers Europe Awards for Excellence, and another awarded by Acquisition Finance magazine.

Managing partner of Carey Olsen in Jersey, Alex Ohlsson, said: 'The Lawyer is the UK's leading legal publication and its awards are probably the most coveted in the legal profession. Obviously, having come so close, we are disappointed that we didn't take home the offshore award but we are proud with the acknowledgement that the firm received in front of more than 1,000 of the world's leading lawyers.'

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