

Sean Gates once again named Aviation Lawyer of the Year

Sean Gates of Gates & Partners has been named Aviation Lawyer of the Year 2007 in the Who's Who Legal Awards. This is the third consecutive time he has been recognised in this way, having won the award every year since its inception in 2005.

With the benefit of more than ten years of independent research, Who's Who Legal used the thousands of nominations it has received from clients and private practice professionals to identify the leading individual and firm in 27 practice areas. The winners were formally announced in *The International Who's Who of Business Lawyers 2007*, a compendium edition of all the individual Who's Who Legal publications which was released in April.

Editor in chief Callum Campbell said: "It is an outstanding achievement to win the *Who's Who Legal; The International Who's Who of Business Lawyers* Aviation Lawyer of the Year Award for a third consecutive time. Sean Gates's continuing success demonstrates a consistent and unparalleled level of performance and service to clients. We have no hesitation in declaring him the leading lawyer for aviation expertise".

The awards are based on a number of factors, including the feedback received in the ongoing research process, past performance in the research and the overall aggregate number of weighted votes cast in their favour. In addition to identifying the leading firm and individual in each practice area, the awards also recognise the overall leading firm in 48 countries and five US states. Who's Who Legal lists only the leading practitioners in each field, based exclusively on the findings of a six month independent research process.

The book is distributed free of charge to thousands of corporate counsel and private practice lawyers from around the world. The information is also available without charge on www.WhosWhoLegal.com and is updated on a daily basis.

In 2006, Who's Who Legal's parent company Law Business Research was recognised by The Queen's Awards for Enterprise in the area of international trade, having demonstrated significant growth in overseas earnings and commercial success. These awards are the most prestigious a British company can receive, and are made annually by the Queen on the advice of the Prime Minister, assisted by an advisory committee drawn from government, industry and commerce and the trade unions. In addition, Who's Who Legal is also the official research partner of the International Bar Association.

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Notes to Editors:

- Research for each practice area publication is conducted through conversations with private practice lawyers of repute in the practice area in question and in related fields, as well as with general counsel
- Subsequent telephone and face-to-face interviews are conducted internationally to permit the refining of the listing to a selection of between 100 and 500 lawyers who, by general agreement, are considered the pre-eminent lawyers in the field
- It is impossible to buy entry into this publication, only lawyers who have met independent international research criteria are listed
- The International Who's Who of Business Lawyers 2007 acts as a reference source for purchasers of legal services seeking to corroborate the reputations of expert lawyers recommended to them by another party
- Who's Who Legal aims to reduce the short-term costs incurred in finding a lawyer, but more significantly, to minimise the transactional expense and risk of receiving poor counsel

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