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### **ILFA Announces Shortlist for the Inaugural Legal Finance Awards**

WASHINGTON, DC – The International Legal Finance Association (ILFA), the sole organization representing the global commercial legal finance industry, today announces the shortlist for its first-ever Legal Finance Awards, honoring exceptional achievement and innovation within the global legal finance industry. The winners will be revealed at an awards ceremony at the end-of-year gala dinner on **November 13, 2025**, at the Law Society in London. To learn more, and to register for the gala, visit: <https://members.ilfa.com/gala-page/>.

The Legal Finance Awards mark a major milestone for the industry, recognizing the remarkable growth, sophistication and influence of legal finance across the world. Honorees represent excellence in key areas including collection action, commercial litigation, funder representation, advisory services, arbitration, technology and law firm innovation—reflecting the evolving landscape of the sector and its vital role in advancing access to justice and efficiency in legal systems worldwide.

“ILFA is thrilled to host its first-ever Legal Finance Awards at our annual gala in London,” said **Rupert Cunningham, Director for Growth and Membership Engagement at ILFA**. “These awards celebrate the innovation, professionalism, and impact of the organizations and individuals driving progress in the legal finance industry and enhancing value for clients in the legal profession. It is an opportunity to recognize how far the industry has come and to honor those whose leadership and vision continue to shape its future.”

“The evolution of legal finance has fundamentally transformed the business of law,” said **David Perla, Vice Chair of Burford Capital**. “What began as an innovative means of helping clients manage litigation costs has matured into a sophisticated and essential financial instrument that is reshaping how legal services are delivered, financed and valued.

“Today, legal finance empowers firms to pursue meritorious claims, helps companies manage risk and provides capital that fuels growth and innovation across industries,” **Perla continued**. “On **November 13**, we will honor those who continue to advance this transformation—those whose leadership and creativity are defining the next era of our profession.”

## **The Shortlist**

### **Outstanding Insurance Brokerage**

- CAC Group
- Factor Risk Management
- Gallagher
- HWF Partners

### **Most Effective Collective Action**

- Freeths
- Harbour Litigation Funding
- Hausfeld
- Maurice Blackburn
- Stephenson Harwood

### **Outstanding Advisor (UK & Europe-based)**

- Clarendon
- Exton Advisors
- Factor Risk Management
- S-RM
- Stewarts
- Versaras

### **Outstanding Advisor (US-based)**

- Litigation Finance Advisors
- Red Bridges Advisors
- Sokol Advisors
- Westfleet Advisors

### **Most Innovative Legal Technology Provider**

- Braegen AI
- Bridge Legal
- Darrow AI
- Lexity

### **Exceptional Commercial Law Firm**

- Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft
- Hausfeld
- Kobre & Kim
- Scott+Scott

### **Outstanding Arbitration Firm or Team**

- Alston & Bird
- B. Cremades y Asociados
- Boies Schiller Flexner
- DLA Piper
- Freshfields
- Hogan Lovells
- King & Spalding
- Lalive

**Exceptional Legal Services Provider for Litigation Funders (UK & EU-based)**

- Addleshaw Goddard
- Brown Rudnick
- Macfarlanes

**Exceptional Legal Services Provider for Litigation Funders (US-based)**

- Crowell & Moring
- Fox Rothchild
- Levenfeld Pearlstein
- McDermott, Will & Schulte
- McDonald Hopkins
- Parker Poe

**Exceptional IP Litigation Firm**

- Bunsow De Mory
- Irell & Manella
- Reichman Jorgensen Lehman & Feldberg
- Susman Godfrey

**About the International Legal Finance Association**

The International Legal Finance Association (ILFA) represents the global commercial legal finance community, and its mission is to engage, educate and influence legislative, regulatory and judicial landscapes as the voice of the commercial legal finance industry. It is the only global association of commercial legal finance companies and is an independent, non-profit trade association promoting the highest standards of operation and service for the commercial legal finance sector. ILFA has local chapter representation around the world.

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