



Drinker Biddle & Reath's David Wolfe Named World Law Group Practice/Industry Group Leader of the Year

David Wolfe, a partner with Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP in Chicago and long-time chair of the World Law Group's Human Resources Law Group, was awarded with the WLG's "Practice & Industry Group Leader of the Year Award" during the October 29 Closing Gala of our recent conference in Istanbul, Turkey.

In announcing the award, WLG President Ian Davis noted David's "tireless efforts to find common ground, and shared professional endeavours, for partners and lawyers in WLG member firms to strengthen their practices, their knowledge of international developments, and their ability to work effectively with other member firms for the benefit of their clients and the effectiveness of the WLG. His work with the Human Resources Practice Group is a shining example of one of the principal benefits of the WLG in facilitating co-operation and the sharing of professional knowledge and expertise among lawyers in all member firms."

David has chaired the WLG Human Resources Law Group (and one of its predecessors, the WLG Employee Benefits Group, which was merged with the WLG Labour & Employment Group in 2009) since its inception. The group holds regular conference calls and online meetings to exchange information on new developments in executive compensation, pensions and benefits, labour and employment law globally. Group members have also collaborated on a number of events and projects over the years, including joint meetings and presentations with other WLG practice groups.

David, a member of Drinker Biddle's Employee Benefits and Executive Compensation Practice Group, focuses his practice on representing and advising tax-exempt organizations in a range of benefits issues, including tax-qualified plans and executive compensation. He also focuses on U.S. benefits for international clients, global stock arrangements, reducing ERISA litigation and fiduciary liability exposure, cash balance and other hybrid pension arrangements, legal compliance reviews, executive compensation, incentive pay arrangements and the corporate governance of benefit plans. David was also recently inducted into the American College of Employee Benefits Counsel during the organization's annual induction dinner ceremony November 5 in Seattle, Washington.

On October 29 in Istanbul, David was presented with an inscribed plaque to commemorate this recognition of his exemplary leadership contribution to the WLG. The award also includes a complimentary registration to a future WLG conference for a young Drinker Biddle lawyer, in recognition of the firm's support of David's leadership role.

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