

Ogier IT team recognised as a leader in its field

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Ogier's IT team has been recognised as a leader in its field by The Lawyer. The team was a finalist in The Lawyer's Business Leadership Awards in the Best Change Management Programme category.

Ogier was the only offshore law firm to be shortlisted in any category of the awards, which were judged by a panel of the UK's leading in-house lawyers and announced in London last night (22 September).

To create the shortlist, the judges were looking for evidence of how a legal services provider has changed its approach to established behaviours and working practices in order to achieve a defined business outcome

Ogier's Director of IT, Debbie Rayner, said: "The completion of the MBO of Ogier's trust and administration business in June 2014 included all existing IT infrastructure and provided a unique opportunity for a "ground-up" review of how we provide IT Services to the law firm in eight jurisdictions, across three continents.

"The Ogier IT Team used this programme as the catalyst to bring IT "out of the basement" and put it right in the very heart of the business"

While the MBO has enabled Ogier to focus exclusively on law, specialising in corporate, finance, funds, dispute resolution and private client work, the success of the launch of new IT platforms and services has had a longer lasting effect.

Mrs Rayner said: "As technology continues to influence the provision of legal services, and meet client needs, Ogier have taken this opportunity to lead the pack.

"The business' knowledge of IT has significantly improved, and in turn IT is now an integral part of the business. We have moved away from "doing IT to the business" and set the standard of 'doing IT with the business'."

Ogier's Chief Operating Officer Jamie Bore added: "Process innovation is key to Ogier's ability to create a strategic advantage. Our IT team and the state-of-the-art technology they employ is integral to that innovation and we are very proud that the Ogier team has been recognised alongside some of the top international law firms including Clifford Chance and Hogan Lovells."

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