

HERBERT SMITH FREEHILLS NAMED ONE OF STONEWALL'S TOP GLOBAL EMPLOYER FOR LGBT STAFF

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- Herbert Smith Freehills is one of 13 leading employers commended by LGBT charity Stonewall for work to create inclusive workplaces worldwide
- Herbert Smith Freehills one of only six law firms recognised
- UK Ambassador in Ukraine presented Top Global Employer Awards

Herbert Smith Freehills has been recognised as one of Stonewall's Top Global Employers 2018, the annual ranking that celebrates pioneering efforts to create inclusive workplaces across the world.

To celebrate the launch of the global index, a ceremony will take place in London this evening, supported by Herbert Smith Freehills. Speakers at the event include Herbert Smith Freehills' Rebekah Gay, as well as HMA Judith Gough, British Ambassador to Ukraine, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, Amazin LêThị, Founder of Amazin LêThi Foundation and Stonewall Chief Executive Ruth Hunt.

Stonewall's Top Global Employers list celebrates the pioneering efforts of leading organisations to create inclusive workplaces and advance equality for LGBT people wherever they are in the world. It's compiled from submissions to the Global Workplace Equality Index (GWEI): a powerful benchmarking tool used by employers to create inclusive workplaces across the international markets in which they operate.

Rebekah Gay, Partner & Co-Chair of IRIS Network at Herbert Smith Freehills, said:

"This is great recognition of our efforts to create a diverse and inclusive culture across our global network of offices. Diversity and inclusion sit at the heart of our organisation and our Beyond 2020 strategy, and we continue to strive to make this the optimum place to work and thrive both professionally and personally, attracting and retaining the most talented people and engaging with our clients through shared values and genuine relationships."

Ruth Hunt, Chief Executive, Stonewall said:

'Herbert Smith Freehills has demonstrated a real commitment to ensuring that all their lesbian, gay, bi and trans staff and stakeholders feel included at work. These businesses truly are at forefront of driving global LGBT inclusion in the workplace, and between them reach nearly 900,000 people.'

'There is so much left to do to ensure that lesbian, gay, bi and trans employees feel able to be themselves at work, no matter where they are. We're proud to work with Herbert Smith Freehills who operate in some extremely difficult contexts, to create workplaces that are inclusive and supportive of LGBT people and equality.'

About Herbert Smith Freehills

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