

WorldECR Awards 2017 open for submissions

This year's *WorldECR* awards are now open for submissions/ nominations.

There are 11 awards which 'recognise outstanding work, vision, best practice, commercial benefit to the company, and contribution to international security, of organisations and individuals working in the fields of export control and sanctions compliance and non-proliferation.'

Mark Cusick, *WorldECR* publisher, said: 'We are continually impressed by the excellent work carried out by sanctions and export control compliance professionals. These awards celebrate their achievements.'

See below for the full list of awards and details of how you can enter your nominations.

Previous WorldECR Award winners

2016

Export Control Practitioner of the Year: **Chester Paul Beach**

Young Practitioner of the Year: **Anahita Thoms**

Export Controls Law Firm of the year, U.S.A.: **Steptoe**

Export Controls Law Firm of the year, Europe: **Baker McKenzie**

Export Controls/Sanctions Law Firm of the year, Rest of the World: **Economic Laws Practice (India)**

Export Controls Compliance team of the year, Europe: **BAE Systems plc**

Export Controls Compliance team of the year, U.S.A.: **Rockwell Automation**

Export Controls Compliance team of the year, Rest of the World: **Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company, Ltd**

Sanctions Law Firm of the year, Europe: **Baker McKenzie**

Sanctions Law Firm of the year, U.S.A.: **Latham & Watkins**

Export Controls Consultant of the Year: **SECURUS Strategic Trade Solutions**

2015

Export Control Practitioner of the Year: **Carol Fuchs**

Young Practitioner of the Year: **Richard Blakeley**

Export Controls Law Firm of the year, U.S.A.: **Steptoe**

Export Controls Law Firm of the year, Europe: **Holman Fenwick Willan**

Export Controls Compliance team of the year, Europe: **Airbus Group**

Export Controls Compliance team of the year, U.S.A.: **GE**

Export Controls Compliance team of the year, Rest of the World: **China Machinery Engineering Corp**

Sanctions Law Firm of the year, Europe: **Peters & Peters**

Sanctions Law Firm of the year, U.S.A.: **Sidley Austin**

Export Controls Consultant of the Year: **Center for Information on Security Trade Controls (CISTEC)**

The WorldECR Awards 2017

The WorldECR Awards recognise outstanding work, vision, best practice, commercial benefit to the company, and contribution to international security, of organisations and individuals working in the fields of export control and sanctions compliance and non-proliferation.

WorldECR is pleased to invite nominations for the 2017 Awards. Nominations should be sent to Awards@WorldECR.com, to reach us by Monday 1 May 2017. Winners will be announced in our June 2017 issue.

Nominations – which can include self-nominations and need not be limited to one individual per organisation, and which are open to previous award winners – should be attached to your email and should include:

- Your name, position and contact details (email and phone)
- Name of the Award you are submitting for
- Name of individual/organisation you are nominating
- An explanation (up to 1,000 words) as to why your nominee deserves recognition in this Award category. (See categories below as to what the judges will be looking for; Please mark information as 'Confidential' where appropriate.)

The Award categories are:

- 1) EXPORT CONTROLS COMPLIANCE TEAM OF THE YEAR – EUROPE*
- 2) EXPORT CONTROLS COMPLIANCE TEAM OF THE YEAR – USA**
- 3) EXPORT CONTROLS COMPLIANCE TEAM OF THE YEAR – REST OF THE WORLD***

For these awards, judges will look for outstanding performance on behalf of the company, excellence and innovation in the use of the team's own resources, introduction and/or implementation of best practice in export control, and a positive contribution to international security.

- 4) EXPORT CONTROLS LAW FIRM OF THE YEAR – USA**
- 5) EXPORT CONTROLS LAW FIRM OF THE YEAR – EUROPE*

These awards recognise the law firm export controls team providing innovative work and valuable advice and representation to its client(s), assisting the function in its compliance efforts, and enhancing the function's commercial contribution to its organisation. Judges welcome submissions highlighting an example taken from a variety of work, including advice on particular transactions, investigations and disputes as well as on regulatory issues.

- 6) SANCTIONS LAW FIRM OF THE YEAR – USA**
- 7) SANCTIONS LAW FIRM OF THE YEAR – EUROPE*

These awards will be given to the team that can demonstrate it provided the most impressive advice/representation on a specific Sanctions matter, or was instrumental in helping its client(s) through the fast-changing international regulatory Sanctions challenges of the past year. The winning firm will be able to demonstrate clearly the direct and positive effect and benefits to the client(s) of its advice.

- 8) EXPORT CONTROLS/SANCTIONS LAW FIRM OF THE YEAR – REST OF THE WORLD***

This award will be given to the firm that can demonstrate it provided the most valuable advice/representation on Sanctions or Export Control matters, adding real and clear benefit to the business of its client.

- 9) EXPORT CONTROLS CONSULTANT OF THE YEAR

This award highlights the non-law firm export controls consultant or consultancy that has made the greatest contribution to its clients' success in achieving export controls compliance, developing processes to future-proof systems and processes for its clients, and enhancing the export control function's commercial contribution to its organisation.

- 10) EXPORT CONTROL PRACTITIONER OF THE YEAR

This award recognises truly exceptional individual contributions to the development and implementation of good practice in export controls. The winner will have shown vision and either (1) great management skills and the ability to place the export control function in a position to deliver both commercial success to the organisation and greater security to the wider world and/or (2) to have pioneered new methods and/or thinking so as to significantly enhance the value of export controls to the global community.

- 11) YOUNG PRACTITIONER OF THE YEAR AWARD

This award is open to export controls compliance and/or sanctions professionals in industry, legal private practice, consulting firms or government/regulatory bodies or NGOs. It recognises exceptional achievement on the part of an individual of 35 years of age or under.

* Europe Awards are also open to Europe-located offices/subsidiaries of non-European organisations

** USA Awards are also open to U.S.-located offices/subsidiaries of non-U.S. organisations

*** Rest of the world Awards are also open to U.S. and European subsidiaries located in Africa, Asia, Australasia and Central and South America

Nominations will be short-listed by Tom Blass, Editor, and Mark Cusick, Publisher, of WorldECR. Winners will be selected by our panel of Judges:

Doug Jacobson, Partner, Jacobson Burton Kelley PLLC; George Tan, Principal, Global Trade Security Consulting; Joshua D. Fitzhugh, Group Head of Export Controls, BAE Systems plc; Marian Niestedt, Partner, GvW Graf von Westphalen; Maya Lester QC, Brick Court Chambers; Meredith Rathbone, Partner, Steptoe & Johnson llp; Pablo Lecour, Partner, Deloitte; Richard Tauwhare, Senior Director, Dechert llp; Susanna Sjösten, Export Control Specialist, Tetra Laval Group.

Please note: judges will not be involved in the judging of awards for which they or their organisation have been shortlisted. All questions regarding these awards should be directed to awards@worlddecr.com

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