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DFDL WINS FINANCIAL TIMES' MOST INNOVATIVE ASEAN LAW FIRM AWARD 2015

DFDL has been named "Most innovative ASEAN law firm 2015" by the Financial Times. The award was given to the firm for its innovative work and bold strategy to build legal and tax practices across ASEAN and the frontier markets in Asia, as well as for providing innovative legal solutions to its clients in such markets.

The FT Innovative Lawyer Awards – in both Asia Pacific and Europe – are regarded as one of the best researched awards in the market. They provide a thorough analysis of the legal industry and showcase new and innovative ideas from lawyers and in-house counsel. The awards are a key recognition of

law firms and individuals that are pioneering in their approach to providing legal services. David D. Doran, Founder and Chairman, who attended the event in Hong Kong, said: "This award strongly reaffirms what we have always known to be true: that DFDL's creative and innovative business model, client services offerings and regional growth strategy are at the cutting edge of the legal business. It's the perfect year for us to win this award, being our 20th anniversary and the beginning of the Asian Economic Community."

Martin Desautels, Managing Partner, commented upon receiving the news: "This recognition is fantastic news – we are

tremendously proud of our hard work over the past 20 years. DFDL is a truly regional firm, working in some of the most dynamic legal markets in the world." More than 500 submissions from 114 law firms in the region were received and hundreds of interviews were conducted with clients, experts and lawyers to determine the short-list. The Financial Times (FT) held the formal awards dinner at the Asia Society in Hong Kong on 10 June 2015 where they announced the winners of the 2nd FT Innovative Lawyers Awards Asia Pacific 2015. The FT Asia Pacific Innovative Lawyers 2015 Report, which highlights DFDL's high ranking in the region, was issued today.

