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## THE LEADING PATENT FIRMS WORLDWIDE

# SURVEY 2009

### METHODOLOGY AT A GLANCE

The IP survey consists of rankings of the leading firms practising intellectual property in each country, presented in tiers. The total number of firms listed in each jurisdiction varies according to the size of the market. The survey is not an exhaustive list of every firm in each jurisdiction; even firms listed in the lower tiers have been recommended by a number of practitioners and deserve congratulations on their inclusion.

The second and third parts of the survey, covering trade mark and copyright work, will be published in the March and April issues.

#### How the results are compiled

A team of researchers based in London, Hong Kong and New York contacted firms in 70 jurisdictions to ask them for information and feedback on the rankings. Client feedback was also considered. Based on this research, firms are ranked in tiers in each jurisdiction. In most jurisdictions, there are separate tables for prosecution and contentious work.

Prosecution work includes filing of patents and associated work in that jurisdiction, including filing for overseas clients. Contentious work includes all other legal work, such as enforcement and licensing. Firms that handle both prosecution and contentious work are eligible to appear in both tables.

The tiers reflect the perception of the leading firms in each market, with the top tier listing those firms regarded as having the strongest practices in each category. Within each tier, firms are listed alphabetically.

All firms included, in all tiers, will have received many recommendations and endorsements in order to be included in the rankings.

No one outside of *Managing IP* has seen the rankings before publication.

No firm can vote for its own inclusion, or recommend an associated or sister firm in another jurisdiction.

The rankings reflect the state of the market when the research was conducted, between September 2008 and January 2009.

*Managing IP* itself does not recommend or endorse any particular firms.

# UNITED STATES



## PATENT PROSECUTION – NATIONAL RANKINGS

### TIER 1

Finnegan Henderson Farabow Garrett & Dunner  
Fish & Richardson  
Knobbe Martens Olson & Bear

### TIER 2

Fitzpatrick Cella Harper & Scinto  
Foley & Lardner  
Kilpatrick Stockton  
Morrison & Foerster  
Townsend and Townsend and Crew

### TIER 3

Banner & Witcoff

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Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione  
Darby & Darby  
Dickstein Shapiro  
DLA Piper  
Kenyon & Kenyon  
McDermott Will & Emery  
Merchant & Gould  
Ropes & Gray  
Sughrue Mion

### TIER 4

Birch Stewart Kolasch & Birch  
Fulbright & Jaworski  
Jones Day  
Oblon Spivak McClelland Maier & Neustadt  
Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman  
Proskauer Rose  
WilmerHale

### TIER 5

Baker Botts  
Drinker Biddle  
McDonnell Boehnen Hulbert & Berghoff  
Nixon Vanderhye  
Oliff & Berridge  
Sheridan Ross  
Sterne Kessler Goldstein & Fox  
Husch Blackwell Sanders Welsh & Katz

### TIER 6

Baker & McKenzie  
Greenberg Traurig  
Ladas & Perry  
Lott & Friedland  
Needle & Rosenberg  
White & Case

# UNITED STATES



## PATENT PROSECUTION – REGIONAL RANKINGS

### NORTHEAST

#### TIER 1

Finnegan Henderson Farabow  
Garrett & Dunner  
Fish & Richardson

#### TIER 2

Fitzpatrick Cella Harper &  
Scinto  
Foley & Lardner  
Kenyon & Kenyon

#### TIER 3

Dickstein Shapiro  
McDermott Will & Emery

#### TIER 4

Birch Stewart Kolasch & Birch  
Kilpatrick Stockton  
Oblon Spivak McClelland Maier  
& Neustadt  
Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw  
Pittman  
Proskauer Rose  
Ropes & Gray  
Sterne Kessler Goldstein & Fox  
WilmerHale

### SOUTH

#### TIER 1

Kilpatrick Stockton

#### TIER 2

Baker Botts  
Fulbright & Jaworski

#### TIER 3

Greenberg Traurig  
Lott & Friedland  
Needle & Rosenberg

#### TIER 4

Alston & Bird

### MIDWEST

#### TIER 1

Banner & Witcoff  
Fish & Richardson  
Jones Day

#### TIER 2

Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione  
Foley & Lardner  
McDermott Will & Emery  
Merchant & Gould  
Husch Blackwell Sanders Welsh  
& Katz

#### TIER 3

Drinker Biddle  
Faegre & Benson  
Ladas & Perry  
Leydig Voit & Mayer  
McDonnell Boehnen Hulbert &  
Berghoff  
Schwegman Lundberg &  
Woessner

### WEST

#### TIER 1

Fish & Richardson  
Knobbe Martens Olson & Bear

#### TIER 2

Morrison & Foerster  
Townsend and Townsend and  
Crew

#### TIER 3

**BLAKELY SOKOLOFF  
TAYLOR & ZAFMAN**  
DLA Piper