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THE LEADING PATENT FIRMS

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 more than 75 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 2009 and January 2010.

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

BLAKELY SOKOLOFF TAYLOR & ZAFMAN

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

TIER 4

Birch Stewart Kolasch & Birch
DLA Piper
Fulbright & Jaworski
Jones Day
Nixon & Vanderhuy
Oblon Spivak McClelland Maier & Neustadt
Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman

TIER 5

Baker Botts
Drinker Biddle
Husch Blackwell Sanders
Leydig Voit & Mayer
McDonnell Boehnen Hulbert & Berghoff
Oliff & Berridge
Proskauer Rose
Sheridan Ross
Sterne Kessler Goldstein & Fox
WilmerHale

TIER 6

Ballard Spahr Andrews & Ingersoll
Greenberg Traurig
Ladas & Parry
Lott & Friedland
White & Case

UNITED STATES



PATENT PROSECUTION – REGIONAL RANKINGS

NORTHEAST

TIER 1

Finnegan Henderson Farabow
Garrett & Dunner

TIER 2

Fish & Richardson
Fitzpatrick Cella Harper
& Scinto
Foley & Lardner
Kenyon & Kenyon

TIER 3

Banner & Witcoff
Dickstein Shapiro
McDermott Will & Emery
Sughrue Mion

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
Oblon Spivak McClelland Maier
& Neustadt

TIER 3

Alston & Bird
Ballard Spahr Andrews
& Ingersoll
Greenberg Traurig
Lott & Friedland

MIDWEST

TIER 1

Banner & Witcoff
Fish & Richardson
Jones Day

TIER 2

Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione
Foley & Lardner
Leydig Voit & Mayer
McDermott Will & Emery
Merchant & Gould
Husch Blackwell Sanders

TIER 3

Drinker Biddle
Faegre & Benson
Ladas & Parry
McDonnell Boehnen Hulbert
& Berghoff
Schwegman Lundberg
& Woessner

WEST

TIER 1

Fish & Richardson
Knobbe Martens Olson & Bear

TIER 2

Townsend and Townsend and
Crew
Morrison & Foerster

TIER 3

BLAKELY SOKOLOFF
TAYLOR & ZAFMAN
DLA Piper

