

WHO PROTECTS INNOVATION IN AMERICA 2007

Which law firms prosecute U.S. patents for Korea's LG Electronics? Who handles IP litigation here for Google? Our list of lawyers for the world's most inventive companies tells all.

LAW FIRMS ON THE CUTTING EDGE

Our tally shows who does the most U.S. IP work for the world's most inventive companies.

PATENT PROSECUTION

5 mentions

Banner & Witcoff

3

Baker Botts

Blakely Sokoloff

Cantor Colburn

Harness, Dickey

Jones Day

Kenyon & Kenyon

Merchant & Gould

Nixon & Vanderhye

Oblon, Spivak

Park, Vaughan

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Alston & Bird

Beyer Weaver

Birch, Stewart

Brinks Hofer

Fenwick & West

Finnegan, Henderson

Fish & Richardson

Fitzpatrick, Cella

Foley & Lardner

Knobbe, Martens

McDonnell Boehnen

Morrison & Foerster

Schwegman, Lundberg

Scully, Scott

Woodcock Washburn

FIRMS WITH THE MOST MENTIONS

9 mentions

Fish & Richardson

7

Baker Botts

Howrey

Potter Minton

6

Banner & Witcoff

Finnegan, Henderson

Foley & Lardner

Quinn Emanuel

5

Jones Day

Kirkland & Ellis

McDermott Will

Sidley Austin

4

Alston & Bird

Faegre & Benson

Fenwick & West

Fitzpatrick, Cella

Gibson, Dunn

Gillam & Smith

Haynes and Boone

Kenyon & Kenyon

Morgan, Lewis

Nixon & Vanderhye

Oblon, Spivak

Perkins Coie

Weil, Gotshal

3

Akerman Senterfitt

Beck, Redden

Blakely Sokoloff

Cantor Colburn

DLA Piper

Fulbright & Jaworski

Gardere

Harness, Dickey

Holme Roberts

Howard, Phillips

J. Andrew Coombs

Kilpatrick Stockton

K&L Gates

Knobbe, Martens

Loeb & Loeb

McKool Smith

Merchant & Gould

Morris, Nichols

Morrison & Foerster

Park, Vaughan

Ramey & Flock

The Roth Firm

Townsend and Townsend

Winston & Strawn

Woodcock Washburn

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COMPANY	PATENT PROSECUTION	IP LITIGATION
1 Apple	Beyer Weaver Blakely Sokoloff Buchanan Ingersoll Fenwick & West Park, Vaughan	Fish & Richardson Howrey Latham & Watkins Leopold, Petrich O'Melveny & Myers Ramey & Flock Weil, Gotshal Wheeler Trigg Williams, Morgan
19 Intel	Blakely Sokoloff Fish & Richardson Schwabe, Williamson Schwegman, Lundberg Trop, Pruner	Beck, Redden Fish & Richardson Gillam & Smith Keker & Van Nest McGarry Bair Orrick, Herrington Proskauer Rose Ramey & Flock Wilson, Sheehy
26 Motorola	Amin, Turocy Blakely Sokoloff Carter Deluca Design IP Sterne, Kessler Vedder, Price	Buchanan Ingersoll Hogan & Hartson Kirkland & Ellis Kilpatrick Stockton Lewis and Roca Niro, Scavone Potter Anderson Potter Minton Seyfarth Shaw Wildman, Harrold

Methodology

The *IP Law & Business* list of Who Protects Innovation in America 2007 is based on companies ranked in the *BusinessWeek*-Boston Consulting Group 2007 list of the World's Most Innovative Companies. That roster comes from a senior management survey about innovation sent to the 1,500 largest global corporations, determined by market capitalization. The survey was also sent to members of the *BusinessWeek* Market Advisory Board, an online panel consisting of *BusinessWeek* readers, and via the Knowledge@Wharton e-mail newsletter.

Looking at the time period January through September 2007, we used Thomson West's Litigation Monitor to find which law firms made new intellectual property case filings, or were issued judicial decisions, for each company on the *BusinessWeek* list. Litigation Monitor compiles information about lawyers, law firms, roles, representation and parties from Westlaw documents as originally sourced from federal and state dockets and decided case opinions. We listed the five firms with the most litigation activity—cases filed or decisions rendered—in copyright, patent, trademark, and “intellectual property:generally” categories; where there is a tie in the top five, we listed all the firms.

Patent prosecution data came from Thomson West's IP Monitor, which compiles patent application data through Westlaw from the USPTO and Derwent. We looked at the top 10 firms with the most patent activity for each company over the past decade and list the five responsible for the most patents granted from January to September 2007, again including more in the case of ties. We then counted up the mentions to compile our list of Law Firms on the Cutting Edge.—J.B.