

BY THE NUMBERS

Playing Favorites

We researched which outside law firms the Fortune 250 used in 2006 for commercial law and contracts litigation, corporate transactions, labor and employment litigation, and intellectual property. These are the firms that appeared most often in the companies' public filings. We also added up all the mentions in each practice area to determine the overall winner—Skadden takes the cake.

Battle for the Minds

Three firms tie for the lead in the IP category this year.

Firm	Number of Mentions
Banner & Witcoff	4
Fish & Richardson	4
Hogan & Hartson	4
Baker Botts	3
Blakely, Sokoloff	3
Foley & Lardner	3
Harness, Dickey	3
Keker & Van Nest	3
Kirkpatrick & Lockhart	3
Perkins Coie	3

Job Well Done

Littler Mendelson's hard work pays off in labor and employment litigation.

Firm	Number of Mentions
Littler Mendelson	19
Ogletree, Deakins	16
Morgan, Lewis	16
Seyfarth Shaw	12
Paul, Hastings	9
Jackson Lewis	7
McGuireWoods	7
Akin Gump	5
Ballard, Spahr	5
Fisher & Phillips	5
Ford & Harrison	5
Quarles & Brady	5
Reed Smith	5

Down to Business

Kirkland & Ellis inches to the top of the commercial law and contracts litigation list.

Firm	Number of Mentions
Kirkland & Ellis	4
DLA Piper	3
Adorno & Yoss	2
Baker & Daniels	2
Bowman and Brooke	2
Drinker, Biddle	2
Greenberg Traurig	2
Hogan & Hartson	2
Howard Lee Schiff	2
Hunton & Williams	2
King & Spalding	2
Morrison & Foerster	2
Ogletree, Deakins	2
Paul, Hastings	2
Quinn, Emanuel	2
Schnader, Harrison	2
Shook Hardy	2
Stroock & Stroock	2

The Upper Crust

Skadden is number one this year in overall mentions.

Firm	Number of Mentions
Skadden	26
Littler Mendelson	20
Ogletree, Deakins	18
Sullivan & Cromwell	18
Davis Polk	17
Morgan, Lewis	17
Sidley Austin	16
Cleary, Gottlieb	14
Jones Day	13
Paul, Hastings	13
Shearman & Sterling	13
Richards, Layton	12
Seyfarth Shaw	12
Kirkland & Ellis	11
Cravath	10
Hogan & Hartson	10

Transaction Packed

Twenty-three mentions in corporate transactions helped Skadden take the lead.

Firm	Number of Mentions
Skadden	23
Davis Polk	17
Sullivan & Cromwell	17
Cleary, Gottlieb	13
Richards, Layton	12
Shearman & Sterling	11
Simpson, Thacher	11
Cravath	10
Sidley Austin	10
Weil, Gotshal	8
Debevoise & Plimpton	7
Dewey Ballantine	7
Jones Day	7
Mayer, Brown	7
Osler, Hoskin	7
Wachtell	7