

Law360 Names Practice Groups Of The Year

Law360, New York (December 20, 2015, 9:48 PM ET) -- Law360 would like to congratulate the winners of its Practice Group of the Year awards, given to those firms that came through for clients by sealing the biggest deals and securing wins in high-stakes litigation.

Now in its sixth year, the Practice Group of the Year series drew 730 submissions in 2015. A record 184 winners were selected across 30 practice areas for honors. More firms than ever received Practice Group of the Year awards this year — 80 firms have been honored, up from 69 firms last year.

For the third consecutive year, Gibson Dunn led the pack with 10 wins, followed by Kirkland & Ellis LLP with nine and Latham & Watkins LLP with eight, landing these firms the elite Firms Of the Year distinction. Honorable mention was given to heavyweights Skadden Arps Slate Meagher & Flom LLP, which brought in seven wins; Covington & Burling LLP, which earned six honors; and Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP, Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan LLP and Sullivan & Cromwell LLP, which racked up five awards apiece.

Several firms won awards in four categories. They are Arnold & Porter LLP, Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP, Debevoise & Plimpton LLP, King & Spalding LLP, Orrick Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP, Sidley Austin LLP, Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP, Weil Gotshal & Manges LLP and Wiley Rein LLP.

Leaders in the high-stakes litigation categories are Gibson Dunn, which won for Class Action, Competition, Employment and Securities; Morgan Lewis & Bockius LLP, which won for Class Action, Employment and Environmental; and Quinn Emanuel, which scored wins for Appellate, Class Action, Product Liability and White Collar.

The firms that led in the corporate categories this year are Kirkland & Ellis and Simpson Thacher, which both won in the Capital Markets, M&A, Private Equity, and Real Estate categories. Several firms scored awards in three corporate categories this year, including Cleary Gottlieb, Fried Frank Harris Shriver & Jacobson LLP, Davis Polk, Skadden and Sullivan & Cromwell.

Profiles of the winning groups will begin running in the Law360 newsletters on Jan. 5.

Congratulations to this year's Practice Group Of The Year winners:

Appellate

Goodwin Procter
Hogan Lovells
Quinn Emanuel

Ropes & Gray
WilmerHale

Banking

Cleary Gottlieb
Davis Polk
Quinn Emanuel
Sullivan & Cromwell

Bankruptcy

Debevoise & Plimpton
Jenner & Block
Jones Day
Kirkland & Ellis
O'Melveny
Proskauer
Skadden
Weil Gotshal

Capital Markets

Cleary Gottlieb
Cooley
Cravath
Davis Polk
Kirkland & Ellis
Latham & Watkins
Simpson Thacher
Sullivan & Cromwell
Weil Gotshal

Class Action

Bernstein Litowitz
Cohen Milstein
Gibson Dunn
Labaton Sucharow
Morgan Lewis
Quinn Emanuel
Sullivan & Cromwell
Weil Gotshal
White & Case

Competition

Arnold & Porter
Boies Schiller
Cleary Gottlieb
Davis Polk
Gibson Dunn
Jones Day
Latham & Watkins

White & Case

Employment

Akin Gump
Gibson Dunn
Lief Cabraser
Morgan Lewis
Ogletree Deakins
Orrick
Seyfarth Shaw

Energy

Baker Botts
BakerHostetler
Bracewell & Giuliani
Davis Polk
King & Spalding
Sidley Austin
Vinson & Elkins

Environmental

Arnold & Porter
Hunton & Williams
King & Spalding
Morgan Lewis
Sidley Austin

Food & Beverage

Gibson Dunn
Greenberg Traurig
Patterson Belknap
Winston & Strawn

Government Contracts

Arnold & Porter
Covington
Crowell & Moring
Latham & Watkins
Wiley Rein

Health

Arnold & Porter
Debevoise & Plimpton
Latham & Watkins
O'Melveny
Sidley Austin
Williams & Connolly

Insurance

Barnes & Thornburg
Covington
K&L Gates
Latham & Watkins
Pillsbury
Steptoe & Johnson LLP
Wiley Rein
Willkie Farr

International Trade

Covington
Crowell & Moring
Kelley Drye
King & Spalding
Steptoe & Johnson LLP
White & Case
Wiley Rein

IP

Debevoise & Plimpton
Fish & Richardson
Goodwin Procter
Jenner & Block
Kirkland & Ellis
Latham & Watkins
Morrison & Foerster
Orrick
Sheppard Mullin
WilmerHale

Life Sciences

Covington
Gibson Dunn
Irell & Manella
Sidley Austin
Wilson Sonsini

Media & Entertainment

Jenner & Block
Mitchell Silberberg
Weil Gotshal

Mergers & Acquisitions

Cleary Gottlieb
Cravath
Davis Polk
Debevoise & Plimpton
Fried Frank
Kirkland & Ellis

Latham & Watkins
Simpson Thacher
Skadden
Sullivan & Cromwell

Privacy

BakerHostetler
Cooley
Munger Tolles
Ropes & Gray

Private Equity

Fried Frank
Gibson Dunn
Kirkland & Ellis
Simpson Thacher

Product Liability

Bowman and Brooke
Covington
King & Spalding
Lief Cabraser
Motley Rice
Quinn Emanuel
Shook Hardy

Project Finance

Chadbourne & Parke
Nossaman
Orrick
Skadden

Real Estate

Allen Matkins
Bilzin Sumberg
Fried Frank
Gibson Dunn
Greenberg Traurig
Kirkland & Ellis
Paul Hastings
Paul Weiss
Simpson Thacher
Skadden

Securities

Baker Botts
Cohen Milstein
Gibson Dunn
Kirkland & Ellis

Paul Weiss
Robbins Geller
Sullivan & Cromwell
Williams & Connolly

Sports

Covington
Gibson Dunn
Kirkland & Ellis
McGuireWoods
Skadden
Winston & Strawn

Tax

Akerman
Baker & McKenzie
Mayer Brown
Skadden
Sutherland Asbill

Technology

Fenwick & West
Latham & Watkins
Orrick
Skadden

Telecommunications

Davis Wright Tremaine
Latham & Watkins
Wiley Rein

Transportation

Gibson Dunn
Mayer Brown
Nossaman

White Collar

Morvillo Abramowitz
Paul Weiss
Quinn Emanuel
Shearman & Sterling
Sheppard Mullin
Steptoe & Johnson LLP

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