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## Law360 Names Practice Groups Of The Year

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*Law360, Chicago (January 9, 2017, 6:06 PM EST)* -- Law360 congratulates the winners of its 2016 Practice Group of the Year awards, the law firms that racked up victories in litigation and closed the big deals to make their mark among clients and throughout the legal industry.

With an eye toward landmark matters and general excellence, Law360 selected 157 winning groups across 34 practice areas. In the awards program's seventh year, the Practice Groups of the Year hailed from 80 law firms and rose to the top of 619 submissions.

Three law firms secured the most practice group wins to unseat last year's three champions and nab the coveted title of Firms of the Year. Mayer Brown LLP and Skadden Arps Slate Meagher & Flom LLP each garnered seven wins, while King & Spalding LLP won accolades in six practice areas.

They weren't the only firms to earn multiple Practice Group of the Year honors. With five wins apiece are Gibson Dunn, Kirkland & Ellis LLP, Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP and Sullivan & Cromwell LLP.

And earning honors in four practice areas are Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP, Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP, Covington & Burling LLP, Jones Day, O'Melveny & Myers LLP and Weil Gotshal & Manges LLP.

Profiles of the winning practice groups will begin running in the Law360 newsletters on Jan. 17.

Congratulations to this year's Practice Group of the Year winners:

### **Appellate**

Gibson Dunn  
Jones Day  
Mayer Brown LLP  
Sullivan & Cromwell LLP  
WilmerHale

### **Automotive**

Hagens Berman Sobol Shapiro LLP  
McGuireWoods LLP

### **Banking**

Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP  
Kasowitz Benson Torres & Friedman LLP  
Mayer Brown  
Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan LLP  
Sullivan & Cromwell

**Bankruptcy**

Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP  
Jones Day  
Kirkland & Ellis LLP  
Skadden Arps Slate Meagher & Flom LLP  
Weil Gotshal & Manges LLP

**Capital Markets**

Cleary Gottlieb  
Davis Polk  
Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP  
Skadden  
Sullivan & Cromwell

**Class Action**

Cohen Milstein Sellers & Toll PLLC  
Gibson Dunn  
Labaton Sucharow LLP  
Mayer Brown  
Susman Godfrey LLP

**Competition**

Cleary Gottlieb  
Cohen Milstein  
Cravath Swaine & Moore LLP  
White & Case LLP  
Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati PC

**Consumer Protection**

Greene Broillet & Wheeler LLP  
Lief Cabraser Heimann & Bernstein LLP  
Troutman Sanders LLP

**Employment**

Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP  
Gibson Dunn  
Outten & Golden LLP  
Sanford Heisler LLP  
Seyfarth Shaw LLP

**Energy**

Baker Botts LLP  
Kirkland & Ellis

Morgan Lewis & Bockius LLP  
Sullivan & Cromwell  
Vinson & Elkins LLP

**Environmental**

Beveridge & Diamond PC  
Hunton & Williams LLP  
Nossaman LLP  
Squire Patton Boggs LLP

**Food & Beverage**

Jenner & Block LLP  
Mayer Brown  
Patterson Belknap Webb & Tyler LLP

**Government Contracts**

Crowell & Moring LLP  
Fried Frank Harris Shriver & Jacobson LLP  
Jenner & Block  
Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP  
Wiley Rein LLP

**Health**

Akin Gump  
Bass Berry & Sims LLP  
Hogan Lovells  
Sheppard Mullin Richter & Hampton LLP

**Hospitality**

DLA Piper  
O'Melveny & Myers LLP  
Paul Hastings LLP

**Insurance**

Debevoise & Plimpton LLP  
Hogan Lovells  
McKool Smith PC  
Pillsbury  
Steptoe & Johnson LLP

**International Arbitration**

Arnold & Porter Kaye Scholer LLP  
Cleary Gottlieb  
King & Spalding LLP  
Skadden  
White & Case

**International Trade**

Covington & Burling LLP

Crowell & Moring  
Kelley Drye & Warren LLP  
King & Spalding  
Wiley Rein

**IP**

Fish & Richardson PC  
Goodwin Procter LLP  
Irell & Manella LLP  
Keker & Van Nest LLP  
Quinn Emanuel

**Life Sciences**

Covington & Burling  
Goodwin Procter  
King & Spalding  
Mayer Brown  
White & Case

**Mergers & Acquisitions**

Davis Polk  
Morrison & Foerster LLP  
Simpson Thacher  
Skadden  
Wachtell Lipton Rosen & Katz

**Media & Entertainment**

Davis Wright Tremaine LLP  
Irell & Manella  
Jenner & Block  
Latham & Watkins LLP  
O'Melveny & Myers

**Privacy**

Cooley LLP  
King & Spalding  
Lieff Cabraser  
Orrick Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP  
Ropes & Gray LLP

**Private Equity**

Debevoise & Plimpton  
Kirkland & Ellis  
Latham & Watkins  
Simpson Thacher  
Weil Gotshal

**Product Liability**

Bowman and Brooke LLP

Covington & Burling  
Faegre Baker Daniels LLP  
King & Spalding  
Shook Hardy & Bacon LLP

**Project Finance**

Akin Gump  
Chadbourne & Parke LLP  
Nossaman  
O'Melveny & Myers  
Orrick

**Real Estate**

Fried Frank  
Gibson Dunn  
Simpson Thacher  
Skadden

**Securities**

Bernstein Litowitz Berger & Grossmann LLP  
Paul Weiss Rifkind Wharton & Garrison LLP  
Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd LLP  
Weil Gotshal  
Williams & Connolly LLP

**Sports**

Akin Gump  
Covington & Burling  
Orrick  
Skadden

**Tax**

Baker & McKenzie LLP  
Kirkland & Ellis  
Reed Smith LLP  
Skadden  
Sutherland Asbill & Brennan LLP

**Technology**

Fenwick & West LLP  
Mayer Brown  
Simpson Thacher  
WilmerHale

**Transportation**

Mayer Brown  
Nossaman  
O'Melveny & Myers  
Steptoe & Johnson

**Trials**

Gibson Dunn  
Jones Day  
Kirkland & Ellis  
Latham & Watkins  
Weil Gotshal

**White Collar**

Jones Day  
King & Spalding  
Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel LLP  
Morvillo Abramowitz Grand Iason & Anello PC  
Quinn Emanuel