

## 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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