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Methodology for U.S. News – Best Lawyers “Best Law Firms” Rankings

The methodology for the U.S. News – Best Lawyers “Best Law Firms” involved surveying thousands of law firm clients, leading lawyers and law firm managers, partners and associates, and marketing officers and recruiting officers. Each were asked what factors they considered vital for clients hiring law firms, for lawyers choosing a firm to refer a legal matter to, and for lawyers seeking employment.

Based on that feedback, six key surveys/instruments were created: a client survey sent to **52,480 clients**; a lawyer survey sent to **43,900 lawyers**, including every U.S. lawyer listed in Best Lawyers; surveys sent to **2,314 marketing officers and 2,322 recruiting-officers**; (we sent the same two surveys to **8,597 firms without marketing- or recruiting-office contacts**) and an associate’s survey sent to **2,322 firm associates and 1,775 summer associates**. The marketing-officer, recruiting-officer, associate, and summer-associate surveys included a total of **724 questions**.

The level of response was significant: **1,859 firms** participated in the marketing-officer and recruiting-officer surveys; **9,514 clients** – including every Fortune 100 company and 587 of the Fortune 1000 companies – provided **194,370 firm practice-area evaluations**; **6,190 clients** provided **11,181 comments** about law firm practice areas and individual lawyers; and **8,842 lawyers** provided **594,012 firm practice-area evaluations**.

Client and lawyer surveys collected mostly qualitative, reputational data. Using a scale of 1 (weakest) to 5 (strongest), clients voted on expertise, responsiveness, understanding of a business and its needs, cost-effectiveness, civility, and whether they would refer another client to a firm. Lawyers voted on expertise, responsiveness, integrity, cost-effectiveness, and whether they would refer a matter to a firm and whether they would consider a firm a worthy competitor.

Marketing-officer and recruiting-officer surveys provided the following quantitative data: number of lawyers in the firm; number and location of firm offices; number of lawyers who held senior positions in the office of the U.S. Attorney General or a State Attorney General; number of lawyers who clerked for federal or state judges (and at what level); number and percentage of lawyers who are members of the American College of Trial Lawyers

or the American Law Institute; number of lawyers who have held senior positions at the U.S. Bankruptcy Court, the U.S. Tax Court, the IRS, and the range of federal regulatory agencies such as the FCC, DOJ, CFTC, DOE, ERC, EPA, FDA, EU, FTC, SEC.

In addition, information was collected about client profile (numbers of clients within different billing ranges); pro-bono commitment (number and percentage of lawyers doing pro-bono work and how many pro-bono hours performed overall); and diversity (number and percentage of lawyers who are women, members of an ethnic minority, GLBT, or disabled). The survey also collected information about firm practice areas such as the number of transactions in a practice area at different dollar levels; the number of litigation matters at different dollar levels; and the significance of major legal matters undertaken by the firm that cannot be weighed in monetary terms. (Where firms did not supply information directly, efforts were made to secure the data by alternate means.)

In addition to information from these surveys, the rankings incorporate the **3.1 million evaluations of 39,372 individual leading lawyers** collected by Best Lawyers in its most recent annual survey. Because clients hire firms on the basis of outstanding

individual lawyers as well as on a firm’s overall strength, the number of lawyers listed in Best Lawyers in a practice area was factored in to that practice area’s score, adjusted for firm size and other variables. In all cases, lawyer votes were weighted according to the voter’s Best Lawyers record; client votes were weighted according to the client’s size and standing; and outlying votes were disregarded.

All of the quantitative and qualitative data were combined into an overall U.S. News – Best Lawyers score for each firm. Firms with the highest overall scores were included on **metropolitan lists that covered as many as 81 practice areas in 171 metropolitan areas and 7 states, and national lists covering 39 practice areas**. Firms were **tiered rather than ranked sequentially**.

To be eligible for a metropolitan ranking, a firm had to have **at least one lawyer listed in Best Lawyers**. Some **10,659 firms** met that requirement and were included in the ranking process; **8,782 firms**, including a large number of one-person firms, **received rankings**.



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Firms were ranked in 81 practice areas:

Administrative / Regulatory Law	Legal Malpractice Law - Plaintiffs
Admiralty & Maritime Law	Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions - Defendants
Advertising Law	Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions - Plaintiffs
Alternative Dispute Resolution	Media & First Amendment Law
Antitrust Law	Medical Malpractice Law - Defendants
Banking and Finance Law	Medical Malpractice Law - Plaintiffs
Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law	Mergers & Acquisitions Law
Biotechnology Law, Civil Rights Law, Communications Law	Mining Law, Municipal Law
Construction Law	Mutual Funds Law
Corporate Law	Native American Law
Criminal Defense: Non-White-Collar	Natural Resources Law
Criminal Defense: White-Collar	Non-Profit/Charities Law
Derivatives and Futures Law	Oil & Gas Law
DUI/DWI Defense	Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants
Education Law	Personal Injury Litigation - Plaintiffs
Elder Law	Private Equity Law
Eminent Domain and Condemnation Law, Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law	Private Funds / Hedge Funds Law
Employment Law - Individuals	Product Liability Litigation - Defendants
Employment Law - Management	Product Liability Litigation - Plaintiffs
Energy Law	Professional Malpractice Law - Defendants
Entertainment Law	Professional Malpractice Law - Plaintiffs
Environmental Law	Project Finance Law
Equipment Finance Law	Public Finance Law
Family Law	Railroad Law
Family Law Mediation	Real Estate Law
FDA Law	Securities / Capital Markets Law
Franchise Law	Securitization and Structured Finance Law
Gaming Law	Sports Law
General Commercial Litigation	Tax Law
Government Relations Practice	Technology Law
Health Care Law	Timber Law
Immigration Law	Transportation Law
Information Technology Law	Trusts & Estates Law
Insurance Law	Venture Capital Law
Intellectual Property Law	Water Law
International Arbitration	Workers' Compensation Law - Claimants, and Workers' Compensation Law - Employers
Labor Law - Management	
Labor Law - Union	
Land Use & Zoning Law	
Legal Malpractice Law - Defendants	

To be eligible for a national ranking, a firm had to have an office in one of 40 metropolitan areas:

Atlanta	Houston	Phoenix
Austin	Indianapolis,	Pittsburgh
Baltimore	Jackson (MS)	Portland (ME & OR)
Birmingham	Kansas City	Raleigh
Boston	Los Angeles	Richmond
Charlotte	Miami	Salt Lake City
Chicago	Milwaukee	San Francisco
Cincinnati	Minneapolis	Seattle
Cleveland	Nashville	St. Louis
Columbus (OH)	New Orleans	Tampa
Dallas	New York	Washington, D.C.
Detroit	Orlando	in the states of Colorado and New Jersey
Hartford	Philadelphia	

In metropolitan areas closely associated with specific practice areas (Banking Law in New York, for example, or Oil and Gas Law in Houston), a firm's high rankings in those areas were given additional weight in calculating national rankings in that practice area.

Firms were ranked nationally in 39 practice areas:

Admiralty & Maritime Law	Labor Law - Management
Advertising Law	Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions - Plaintiffs
Antitrust Law	Mergers & Acquisitions Law
Banking and Finance Law	Mining Law
Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law	Mutual Funds Law
Biotechnology Law	Native American Law
Communications Law	Oil & Gas Law
Construction Law	Private Equity Law
Corporate Law	Private Funds / Hedge Funds Law
Derivatives and Futures Law	Product Liability Litigation - Plaintiffs
Employment Law - Management	Project Finance Law
Energy Law	Railroad Law
Entertainment Law	Securities / Capital Markets Law
Equipment Finance Law	Securitization and Structured Finance Law
FDA Law	Sports Law
Franchise Law	Tax Law
General Commercial Litigation	Timber Law
Insurance Law	Transportation Law
Intellectual Property Law	Venture Capital Law
International Arbitration	

Technology Law

Greenebaum Doll & McDonald

Trusts & Estates Law

Dinsmore & Shohl
 Frost Brown Todd
 Graf & Stiebel
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 Jon Hoffheimer
 Katz, Teller, Brant & Hild
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 Taft Stettinius & Hollister
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Venture Capital Law

Keating Muething & Klekamp
 Thompson Hine

Water Law

Kevin J. Hopper

Workers' Compensation Law - Claimants

Clements, Mahin & Cohen
 Finkelmeier Law Firm
 Fox & Fox
 Harris & Burgin
 White, Getgey & Meyer
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 Susan Grody Ruben
 Ulmer & Berne
 Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease
 Walter & Haverfield
 Weiss & Associates

Antitrust Law

Jones Day
 Thompson Hine

Banking and Finance Law

Calfee, Halter & Griswold
 Jones Day
 Porter Wright Morris & Arthur
 Squire, Sanders & Dempsey
 Taft Stettinius & Hollister
 Thompson Hine
 Ulmer & Berne

Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law

Baker Hostetler
 Buckley King
 Calfee, Halter & Griswold
 David O. Simon
 Dettelbach, Sicherman & Baumgart
 Hahn Loeser & Parks
 Jones Day
 McDonald Hopkins
 Rabin & Rabin
 Squire, Sanders & Dempsey
 Thompson Hine
 Ulmer & Berne
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Communications Law

Baker Hostetler

Construction Law

Thompson Hine

Corporate Law

Benesch
 Calfee, Halter & Griswold
 Jones Day
 Squire, Sanders & Dempsey
 Taft Stettinius & Hollister
 Thompson Hine
 Tucker Ellis & West
 Ulmer & Berne

Criminal Defense: Non-White-Collar

Berkman, Gordon, Murray & DeVan
 Gold and Pyle
 McGinty, Hilow & Spellacy
 Wuliger, Fadel & Beyer

Criminal Defense: White-Collar

Berkman, Gordon, Murray & DeVan
 Gold and Pyle
 Jones Day
 McLaughlin & McCaffrey
 Schwartz, Downey and Company
 Walter & Haverfield
 Wuliger, Fadel & Beyer

Education Law

Britton Smith Peters & Kalail
 Squire, Sanders & Dempsey

Elder Law

Hickman & Lowder

Eminent Domain and Condemnation Law

Berns, Ockner & Greenberger

Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law

Baker Hostetler
 Calfee, Halter & Griswold
 McDonald Hopkins
 Squire, Sanders & Dempsey
 Thompson Hine
 Ulmer & Berne

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Caryn Groedel & Associates
 Elfvig & Besser
 Goldstein Gragel
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 The Law Office of Amy S. Glesius
 The Simon Law Firm
 Thorman & Hardin-Levine

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 Frantz Ward
 Littler Mendelson
 Ogletree, Deakins, Nash, Smoak & Stewart
 Squire, Sanders & Dempsey

Environmental Law

McMahon DeGulis
 Squire, Sanders & Dempsey
 Thompson Hine

Family Law

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 Hermann, Cahn & Schneider
 Skirbunt, Skirbunt & Wirtz
 Zashin & Rich

Gaming Law

Taft Stettinius & Hollister

General Commercial Litigation

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 Squire, Sanders & Dempsey
 Taft Stettinius & Hollister
 Thompson Hine
 Tucker Ellis & West
 Ulmer & Berne

Government Relations Practice

Squire, Sanders & Dempsey

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Benesch

Hahn Loeser & Parks
 Jones Day
 McDonald Hopkins
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Immigration Law

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Reminger
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Thompson Hine

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Medical Malpractice Law - Defendants

Bonezzi Switzer Murphy Polito & Hupp
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Medical Malpractice Law - Plaintiffs

Andrew P. Krembs & Associates
 Hermann, Cahn & Schneider
 Jeffries, Kube, Forrest & Monteleone
 Lancione & Lancione
 Mellino Law Firm
 Spangenberg, Shibley & Liber

Mergers & Acquisitions Law

Baker Hostetler
 Jones Day
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 Thompson Hine

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Hahn Loeser & Parks
 Jones Day
 Thompson Hine

Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants

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 Jones Day
 Reminger
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**Tucker Ellis & West
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Personal Injury Litigation - Plaintiffs

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Professional Malpractice Law - Plaintiffs

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