

PATENT SCORECARD™ 2010 | LAW FIRMS

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The Law Firm Patent Scorecard™ is a high-level evaluative tool for firms to gauge patent quality, technological strength and breadth of impact for the patents they prosecute. The Patent Scorecard is a rating of patenting innovation through the lens of patent representation and combines a series of industry-standard metrics to arrive at a Technology Strength™ ranking for the year ending December 31, 2009. The Law Firm Patent Scorecard™ is compiled with natively filed patents, excluding those with a foreign priority. Considering that many of the patent quality metrics are dependent upon the characteristics of the patent that may be strengthened or weakened during the drafting and due diligence processes, The Patent Board considers this methodology as an effective means of comparison, as patents with a foreign priority have usually been drafted according to the requirements of a specific foreign jurisdiction.

| Rank | Law Firm | Technology Strength™ | Current Impact™ | Science Linkage™ | Innovation Cycle Time™ | Patent Count |
|------|---|----------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------------|--------------|
| 1 | KNOBBE MARTENS OLSON & BEAR LLP | 2279 | 2.67 | 16.07 | 10.9 | 855 |
| 2 | SCHWEGMAN LUNDBERG & WOESSNER PA | 1784 | 2.21 | 9.82 | 8.5 | 808 |
| 3 | BLAKELY SOKOLOFF TAYLOR & ZAFMAN LLP | 1716 | 1.58 | 2.92 | 8.5 | 1089 |
| 4 | FISH & RICHARDSON PC | 1543 | 1.44 | 13.04 | 10.2 | 1070 |
| 5 | LEE & HAYES PLLC | 1511 | 2.13 | 5.09 | 7.7 | 711 |
| 6 | TOWNSEND & TOWNSEND & CREW LLP | 1423 | 1.47 | 12.94 | 9.7 | 967 |
| 7 | MERCHANT & GOULD PC | 1107 | 1.57 | 5.65 | 9.5 | 706 |
| 8 | WORKMAN NYDEGGER | 1072 | 1.53 | 3.35 | 9.5 | 700 |
| 9 | STERNE KESSLER GOLDSTEIN & FOX PLLC | 1034 | 2.02 | 15.26 | 10.5 | 512 |
| 10 | BAKER & BOTTS LLP | 992 | 1.81 | 5.42 | 9.7 | 548 |
| 11 | VIERRA MAGEN MARCUS & DENIRO LLP | 943 | 4.91 | 2.17 | 7.6 | 192 |
| 12 | PATTERSON & SHERIDAN LLP | 812 | 1.70 | 3.03 | 8.9 | 478 |
| 13 | PERKINS COIE LLP | 777 | 1.57 | 7.78 | 9.7 | 495 |
| 14 | MEYERTONS HOOD KIVLIN KOWERT & GOETZEL PC | 730 | 1.98 | 5.27 | 8.9 | 369 |
| 15 | HICKMAN PALERMO TRUONG & BECKER LLP | 675 | 2.47 | 2.14 | 7.9 | 273 |
| 16 | CANTOR COLBURN LLP | 641 | 1.00 | 2.84 | 8.2 | 642 |
| 17 | WOODCOCK WASHBURN LLP | 624 | 1.38 | 8.73 | 9.1 | 451 |
| 18 | HARNESS DICKEY & PIERCE PLC | 623 | 0.95 | 4.61 | 12.9 | 659 |
| 19 | FOLEY & LARDNER LLP | 606 | 1.17 | 15.27 | 10.8 | 517 |
| 20 | FINNEGAN HENDERSON FARABOW GARRETT & DUNNER LLP | 593 | 1.21 | 13.62 | 10.2 | 490 |
| 21 | BRINKS HOFER GILSON & LIONE | 592 | 1.30 | 3.21 | 11.7 | 455 |
| 22 | FENWICK & WEST LLP | 582 | 2.38 | 9.71 | 8.8 | 245 |
| 23 | HAYNES & BOONE LLP | 570 | 1.53 | 2.78 | 9.1 | 372 |
| 24 | K & L GATES LLP | 565 | 1.56 | 5.32 | 9.5 | 362 |
| 25 | MCDONNELL BOEHNNEN HULBERT & BERGHOFF LLP | 541 | 1.72 | 9.69 | 10.0 | 314 |

The Patent Scorecard 2010 | Law Firms includes U.S. utility patents represented by law firms that were natively filed, which is a subset of all U.S. utility patents they represent. This allows for analysis of patents that a firm actually prosecuted and removes firms that only provide local counsel. Firms with 75 or more natively filed patents in 2009 have been analyzed. All 2010 rankings and indicators are based on the data as compiled by The Patent Board™ for the 2009 calendar year. The leader within the top 25 in each indicator is highlighted in orange. The Patent Board™ continues to evolve its indicators as they advance the importance of Intellectual Property as the New Asset Class. To learn more about this Patent Scorecard please contact info@patentboard.com.