

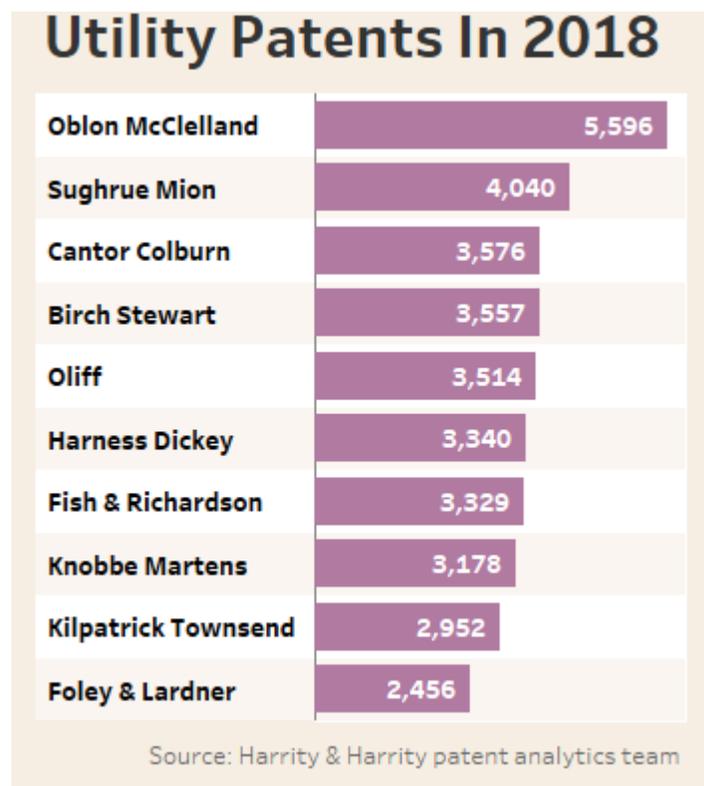
Want A Utility Patent? This Firm Secures The Most

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Law360 (February 21, 2019, 7:11 PM EST) -- For the fourth consecutive year, one firm has landed the top spot on a list ranking the law firms who secured the most U.S. utility patents over the past year.

Oblon McClelland Maier & Neustadt LLP held its No. 1 spot with the most U.S. utility patents obtained in 2018, with 5,596 patents obtained over the past year, slightly lower than the 5,864 patents the firm secured in 2017, according to the latest rankings published Thursday by Harrity & Harrity LLP's patent analytics team.

"We are very fortunate to have a client base that is diverse, stable and loyal," Oblon's managing partner Philippe Signore told Law360 on Thursday. "Our firm has developed over the years a time-tested prosecution practice, with highly specialized staff and talented professionals, and our clients recognize the value and quality that our system provides."



The rankings, which have been published annually since 2016, also named Washington, D.C.-based Sughrue Mion PLLC as second place with 4,040 patents obtained in 2018. Cantor Colburn LLP took bronze with 3,576 patents secured in 2018, beating out Virginia-based Birch Stewart Kolasch & Birch LLP, who had topped them the year before.

Notably, Knobbe Martens Olson & Bear LLP, who placed had fourth last year with 3,370 patents obtained in 2017, dipped to eighth place with 3,170 in the latest rankings. Harness Dickey & Pierce PLC, by contrast, went up two places and landed at sixth, with an increase of 15 patents since 2017.

While more than 2,000 law firms had secured over 300,000 patents in 2018, according to Paul Harrity,

one of Harrity's founding partners, the list named only 722 firms that obtained at least 50 utility patents over the past year.

"Our goal is to raise awareness of the top law firms handling patent work in the U.S. and recognize the professionals that play a vital role in protecting intellectual property," Harrity said in a statement.

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