

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 BOEHNEN 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.