

OCTOBER 2009 Top PCT filing firms revealed

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For the first time, Managing IP lists the patent firms filing the most PCT applications in the 14 biggest markets

The tables listing the top PCT filers published in this article rank firms according to the number of PCT applications that they filed that were due for national stage entry during 2009.

The tables are based on details of PCT applications published on WIPO's website. To compile the tables, PCT applications with a priority date between July 1 2006 and June 30 2007 were extracted. These correspond to applications due to enter the national phase from January 1 to December 31 this year.

Once extracted, these applications were sorted according to the law firm or patent agency that filed the PCT application, based on the "agent name" and "agent address" categories in the PCT form. A manual checking process ensured that all cases filed by each firm were included, even where it used different names or addresses during the period in question.

The firms are listed in order of the number of applications filed in their jurisdiction. Firms with offices in more than one country may be included in the table in each jurisdiction.

The overall table ranks the firms with the most PCT applications worldwide.

Managing IP acknowledges the help of *inovia* in compiling and verifying the data on which the tables are based. In the interests of full disclosure, comparable statistics relating to the number of PCT applications *inovia* will introduce into the national stage this year are included in the relevant tables.

Managing IP also invited other service providers to submit details of the number of PCT applications they will introduce to the national phase. However none did so.

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Worldwide

Australia

Canada

China

France

Germany

Israel

Italy

Japan

Korea

Netherlands

Sweden

Switzerland

United Kingdom

United States

Worldwide

Ranking	PCT apps	Firm name	Country
1	839	Fish & Richardson PC	US
2	687	Unitalen Attorneys at Law	China
3	681	inovia	US
4	589	Townsend and Townsend and Crew LLP	US

5	550	Shiga International Patent Office	Japan
6	495	Deqi Intellectual Property Law Corporation	China
7	490	Foley & Lardner LLP	US
8	449	YP Lee, Mock & Partners	South Korea
9	437	Schwegman Lundberg Woessner	US
10	436	Knobbe Martens Olson & Bear	US
11	434	Marks & Clerk LLP	UK
12	409	KBK & Associates	South Korea
13	390	Aoyama & Partners	Japan
14	359	Blakely Sokoloff Taylor & Zafman	US
15	350	Eikoh Patent Firm	Japan
16	329	Vereenigde	Netherlands
17	322	Harness Dickey & Pierce	US
18	319	Harakenzo World Patent & Trademark	Japan
18	319	Fukami Patent Office	Japan
20	311	Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione	US

Australia

Ranking	PCT apps	Firm name
1	236	Griffith Hack
2	221	Davies Collison Cave
3	107	FB Rice & Co
4	95	Shelston IP
5	94	Phillips Ormonde & Fitzpatrick
6	92	Spruson & Ferguson
7	68	Cullen & Co
8	64	Fisher Adams Kelly
8	64	Freehills Patent & Trade Mark Attorneys
10	58	Wrays

Canada

Ranking	PCT apps	Firm name
1	165	Smart & Biggar
2	160	Bereskin & Parr
3	155	Borden Ladner Gervais LLP
4	152	Ogilvy Renault LLP
5	127	Gowling Lafleur Henderson LLP
6	77	Husky Intellectual Property Services
7	70	Ridout & Maybee LLP

8	65	Oyen Wiggs Green & Mutala LLP
9	56	MBM Intellectual Property Law LLP
10	53	BCF LLP

China

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2	495	Deqi Intellectual Property Law Corporation
3	235	Beijing Tongdaxinheng Intellectual Property Agency Ltd
4	172	Kangxin Partners
5	165	Beijing Cataly IP Attorney at Law
6	115	AFD China Intellectual Property Law Office
7	109	Guangzhou Scihead Patent Agent Co
8	108	China Science Patent & Trademark Agent Ltd
9	83	Leader Patent & Trademark Firm
9	83	China Patent Agent (HK) Ltd

France

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1	221	Cabinet Regimbeau
2	205	Cabinet Lavoix
3	198	Cabinet Plasseraud
4	176	Cabinet Beau De Lomenie
5	162	Marks & Clerk France
6	106	Santarelli
6	106	Cabinet Germain & Maureau
8	89	Saint-Gobain Recherche
9	88	Brevalex
10	72	Cabinet Laurent & Charras

Germany

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1	258	Isenbruck Bösl Hörschler Wichmann LLP
2	193	Epping Hermann Fischer
3	175	Boehmert & Boehmert
4	158	Mitscherlich & Partner
5	150	Grünecker, Kinkeldey, Stockmair & Schwanhäusser
6	138	Kutzenberger & Wolff
7	111	Meissner Bolte

7	111	Reitstötter, Kinzebach & Partner
9	107	Cohausz & Florack
10	106	Witte, Weller & Partner

Israel

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1	240	Ehrlich & Fenster
2	175	Reinhold Cohn and Partners
3	126	Dr Mark Friedman Ltd
4	104	Sanford T Colb & Co
5	77	Pearl Cohen Zedek Latzer
6	74	Luzzatto & Luzzatto
7	56	Webb & Associates
8	47	Dr Eyal Bressler Ltd
9	44	Appelfeld Zer Fisher
10	30	Wolff, Bregman and Goller

Italy

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1	135	Studio Torta
2	133	Barzanò & Zanardo
3	125	Bugnion
4	110	Jacobacci & Partners
5	86	Modiano & Associati
6	72	Notarbartolo & Gervasi
7	66	Società Italiana Brevetti
8	55	APTA
8	49	GLP
10	47	Bianchetti Bracco Minoja

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3	350	Eikoh Patent Firm
4	319	Harakenzo World Patent & Trademark
5	319	Fukami Patent Office
6	309	Miyoshi & Miyoshi
7	279	Soei Patent and Law Firm

8	267	Seiwa Patent & Law
9	265	Maeda Patent Office
10	258	Sakai International Patent Office
11	256	Suzuye & Suzuye
12	253	Itoh International Patent Office
12	199	Wakabayashi Patent Agency
14	185	Ohtani Patent Office
15	173	Washida & Associates

Korea

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2	409	KBK & Associates
3	203	KJ Lee International Patent & Trademark Office
4	194	You Me Patent and Law Firm
5	147	Sunyoung International Patent & Law Firm
6	130	FirstLaw Lee & Ko
7	126	C & S Logos Patent and Law Office
8	118	Park, Kim & Partner
9	104	Muhann Patent & Law Firm
10	95	S&IP Patent & Law Firm

Netherlands

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1	329	Vereenigde
2	176	Nederlandsch Octrooibureau
3	106	Arnold & Siedsma
4	62	Exter Polak & Charlouis BV
5	57	De Vries & Metman
6	48	Algemeen Octrooi- En Merkenbureau
7	47	Patentwerk BV
8	22	Howrey LLP
9	18	Deltapatents BV
10	17	Akzo Nobel NV

Sweden

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1	177	Awapatent AB
2	129	Valea AB

3	126	Albihns AB
4	93	Brann AB
5	74	Groth & Co KB
6	60	Bjerkéns Patentbyrå KB
7	56	Aros Patent AB
8	49	Ehrner & Delmar Patentbyrå AB
9	47	Kransell & Wennborg KB
10	44	Zacco Sweden AB
10	44	Bergensträhle & Lindvall AB

Switzerland

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1	73	Isler & Pedrazzini AG
2	37	André Roland SA
3	33	Rentsch & Partner
3	33	Frei Patentanwaltsbüro AG
5	31	Bohest AG
6	28	Schmauder & Partner AG
7	27	E Blum & Co AG
7	27	Troesch Scheidegger Werner AG
9	23	Hepp Wenger Ryffel AG
9	23	GLN Gresset & Laesser Neuchâtel

United Kingdom

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1	434	Marks & Clerk LLP
2	167	Murgitroyd & Company
3	160	Page White & Farrer
4	154	Mewburn Ellis LLP
5	147	Gill Jennings & Every LLP
6	141	AA Thornton & Co
7	133	Boult Wade Tennant
8	129	Harrison Goddard Foote
9	126	Frank B Dehn & Co
10	123	Barker Brettell LLP
11	113	Kilburn & Strode
12	110	Reddie & Grose
12	110	D Young & Co
14	99	Urquhart-Dykes & Lord LLP

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10	270	Baker Botts LLP
11	260	Greenberg Traurig
12	239	Nixon Peabody LLP
13	237	Wolf, Greenfield & Sacks
14	226	Banner & Witcoff
15	217	Fulbright & Jaworski LLP
16	216	Morrison & Foerster LLP
17	206	Cooley Godward Kronish LLP
18	198	Kenyon & Kenyon LLP
19	189	Edwards Angell Palmer & Dodge LLP
20	187	Perkins Coie LLP
20	187	Lowe Hauptman Ham & Berner