

LITIGATION TOP LAW FIRMS

Top firms were chosen based on the number of firm attorneys who have been selected to a 2013 or 2014 Super Lawyers list in business practice areas, as well as a combination of metrics indicating the quality of those attorneys. Quality factors that were considered included the number of years selected to the list, inclusion on a top list and average blue ribbon panel score.

ALABAMA

- Bradley Arant Boult Cummings
- Christian & Small
- Frazer Greene Upchurch & Baker
- David A. Bagwell

ALASKA

- Dorsey & Whitney
- Guess & Rudd
- Richmond & Quinn
- Biss & Holmes

ARIZONA

- Snell & Wilmer
- Osborn Maledon
- Roshka DeWulf & Patten
- Law Office of A. Bates Butler III

ARKANSAS

- Wright Lindsey & Jennings
- Quattlebaum Grooms Tull & Burrow
- Davis Clark Butt Carithers & Taylor
- Cearley Law Firm

CALIFORNIA

- Gibson Dunn & Crutcher
- Irell & Manella
- Horvitz & Levy
- Sandler Lasry Laube Byer & Valdez
- Law Offices of Martin N. Buchanan

COLORADO

- Wheeler Trigg O'Donnell
- Kennedy Childs
- Haddon Morgan and Foreman
- Walter H. Sargent

CONNECTICUT

- Carmody & Torrance
- Ryan Ryan Deluca
- Cowdery Ecker & Murphy
- Law Offices of Garrett S. Flynn

DELAWARE

- Potter Anderson & Corroon
- Ashby & Geddes
- Bouchard Margules & Friedlander

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

- Covington & Burling
- Robbins Russell Englert Orseck Untereiner & Sauber
- Poe & Burton

FLORIDA

- Carlton Fields
- Richman Greer
- Berman Kean & Riguera
- Kornspan Law

GEORGIA

- King & Spalding
- Bondurant Mixson & Elmore
- Maloy Jenkins Parker
- David A. Webster

HAWAII

- Alston Hunt Floyd & Ing
- Ayabe Chong Nishimoto Sia & Nakamura
- Meheula & Devens
- Law Office of Corey Y.S. Park

IDAHO

- Holland & Hart
- Moffatt Thomas Barrett Rock & Fields
- Gjording & Fouser

ILLINOIS

- Jenner & Block
- Schopf & Weiss
- Stetler Duffy & Rotert
- Michael W. Rathsack

INDIANA

- Barnes & Thornburg
- Lewis Wagner
- DeLaney & DeLaney

FIRM SIZE TIERS

- **L** LARGE: more than 50 attorneys
- **M** MEDIUM: 11-50 attorneys
- **S** SMALL: 2-10 attorneys
- **O** SOLO: 1 attorney

FIRM SPOTLIGHT

• **BASSFORD REMELE** MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

Frederick B. Snyder and Robert Jamison hung their shingle in 1882. Over 130 years later, what is now known as Bassford Remele has been through many changes but one thing stayed the same: the firm's diligence for excellence in civil litigation and dispute resolution. Conrad Newburgh, vice president and senior credit officer of United Bankers' Bank, says the bank has retained Bassford Remele for representation on four cases. With the economic downturn, the banking industry had more challenges than usual. But Newburgh says he has been very happy with the results the firm achieves. He credits firm lawyer Edward Fox. "I think Ed is an excellent negotiator," says Newburgh. "[The disputes] don't always have happy endings but to the extent that it's possible he generally finds the best solution and works toward it."

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IOWA

- Simmons Perrine Moyer Bergman
- Shuttleworth & Ingersoll
- Lederer Weston Craig

KANSAS

- Foulston Siefkin
- Hite Fanning & Honeyman
- Woodard Hernandez Roth & Day
- Wright Law Office

KENTUCKY

- Stites & Harbison
- Boehl Stopher & Graves
- Tachau Meek
- John G. Prather, Jr.

LOUISIANA

- Stone Pigman Walther Wittmann
- Barrasso Usdin Kupperman Freeman & Sarver
- Flanagan Partners
- Law Offices of J. Michael Small

MAINE

- Pierce Atwood
- Norman Hanson & DeTroy
- Petruccelli Martin & Haddow

MARYLAND

- Venable
- Goodell DeVries Leech & Dann
- Baxter Baker Sidle Conn & Jones
- Cynthia E. Young

MASSACHUSETTS

- Bingham McCutchen
- Sugarman Rogers Barshak & Cohen
- LibbyHoopes
- Martin G. Weinberg

MICHIGAN

- Honigman Miller Schwartz and Cohn
- Collins Einhorn Farrell & Ulanoff
- O'Connor DeGrazia Tamm & O'Connor
- Mark Granzotto

MINNESOTA

- Bassford Remele
- Lind Jensen Sullivan & Peterson
- Briol & Associates
- Law Offices of William J. Mauzy

MISSISSIPPI

- Watkins & Eager
- Wells Marble & Hurst
- Holland Ray Upchurch & Hillen
- Gene D. Berry

MISSOURI

- Polsinelli Shughart
- Rouse Hendricks German May
- Haar & Woods
- Handley Law

MONTANA

- Crowley Fleck
- Garlington Lohn & Robinson
- Matovich Keller & Murphy
- Cozzens Law Office

NEBRASKA

- Baird Holm
- Cline Williams Wright Johnson & Oldfather
- Johnson Flodman Guenzel & Widger

NEVADA

- Lewis and Roca
- McDonald Carano Wilson
- Campbell & Williams
- Law Offices of Niels L. Pearson

NEW HAMPSHIRE

- McLane Graf Raulerson & Middleton
- Primmer Piper Eggleston & Cramer
- Nelson Kinder + Mosseau

NEW JERSEY

- McCarter & English
- Walder Hayden & Brogan
- Vasios Kelly & Strollo
- Michael D'Alessio Law

NEW MEXICO

- Rodey Dickason Sloan Akin & Robb
- Keleher & McLeod
- Atkinson Thal & Baker
- Tucker Law Firm

NEW YORK

- Paul Weiss Rifkind Wharton & Garrison
- Skadden Arps Slate Meagher & Flom
- Hurwitz & Fine
- Hafetz Necheles & Rocco
- Thomas J. Fitzpatrick

NORTH CAROLINA

- Robinson Bradshaw & Hinson
- Ellis & Winters
- Rudolf Widenhouse & Fialko
- Alice Carmichael Richey

NORTH DAKOTA

- Fredrikson & Byron
- Zuger Kirmis & Smith
- Pearce & Durick
- Malcolm H. Brown

OHIO

- Roetzel & Andress
- Bonezzi Switzer Murphy Polito & Hupp
- James E. Arnold & Associates
- Frank A. Ray

FIRM SPOTLIGHT

M ROUSE HENDRICKS GERMAN MAY
KANSAS CITY, MO.

Rouse Hendricks German May, a Kansas City law firm dedicated to litigation, has a formidable track record—and the awards to prove it. Because many of the cases the firm handles are for high-profile, confidential clients, most never see the light of day. However, one major matter did make it into the public eye: a case concerning the misappropriation of trademark secrets. The greeting card company Hallmark filed suit against Monitor Clipper Partners, the related company of a consulting firm Hallmark had hired. In November 2012, after a 10-day trial, the jury voted in favor of Hallmark, awarding the company \$21.3 million in actual damages plus \$10 million in punitive damages. The defendants appealed but were denied by the 8th Circuit, who affirmed the court's decision in favor of Hallmark in July 2014. Rouse Hendricks German May attorneys Charles German and Daniel Blegen represented Hallmark.

OKLAHOMA

- 1 Crowe & Dunlevy
- 2 Atkinson Haskins Nellis Brittingham Glad & Carwile
- 3 Corbyn Hampton
- 4 Todd Taylor

OREGON

- 1 Bullivant Houser Bailey
- 2 Markowitz Herbold Glade & Mehlhaf
- 3 Brisbee & Stockton
- 4 Brooksby Kaempf

PENNSYLVANIA

- 1 Marshall Dennehey Warner Coleman & Goggin
- 2 Robb Leonard Mulvihill
- 3 Langer Grogan & Diver
- 4 Creed C. Black, Jr.

RHODE ISLAND

- 1 Hinckley Allen & Snyder
- 2 Partridge Snow & Hahn
- 3 Vetter & White
- 4 Prentiss Law Firm

SOUTH CAROLINA

- 1 Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd
- 2 Sowell Gray Stepp & Laffitte
- 3 Lewis Babcock & Griffin
- 4 James B. Richardson

SOUTH DAKOTA

- 1 Boyce Greenfield Pashby & Welk
- 2 May Adam Gerdes & Thompson

TENNESSEE

- 1 Baker Donelson Bearman Caldwell & Berkowitz
- 2 Thomason Hendrix Harvey Johnson & Mitchell
- 3 Ritchie Dillard Davies & Johnson

TEXAS

- 1 Fulbright & Jaworski
- 2 MehaffyWeber
- 3 Alexander Dubose & Townsend
- 4 Levinger

UTAH

- 1 Snow Christensen & Martineau
- 2 Christensen & Jensen
- 3 Williams & Hunt
- 4 Daniel L. Berman Law Office

VERMONT

- 1 Downs Rachlin Martin
- 2 Dinse Knapp & McAndrew
- 3 Sheehy Furlong & Behm

VIRGINIA

- 1 McGuireWoods
- 2 DuretteCrump
- 3 Furniss Davis Rashkind and Saunders

WASHINGTON

- 1 Perkins Coie
- 2 Corr Cronin Michelson Baumgardner & Preece
- 3 Byrnes • Keller • Cromwell
- 4 Law Offices of Irwin H. Schwartz

WEST VIRGINIA

- 1 Steptoe & Johnson
- 2 Flaherty Sensabaugh Bonasso
- 3 Hendrickson & Long
- 4 George & Lorensen

WISCONSIN

- 1 Godfrey & Kahn
- 2 Peterson Johnson & Murray
- 3 Coyne Schultz Becker & Bauer
- 4 Fitzgerald Law Firm

WYOMING

- 1 Williams Porter Day & Neville
- 2 Sundahl Powers Kapp & Martin
- 3 Robert P. Schuster

LONDON (UK)

- 1 Herbert Smith Freehills LLP
- 2 Powell Gilbert LLP
- 3 Cooke Young & Keidan LLP

FIRM SPOTLIGHT**1 LEDERER WESTON CRAIG**
CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA

Jim Craig and Mike Weston, along with Gregory Lederer, started their small firm in 2007. One of their clients is West Bend Mutual Insurance Co. "At any given time, I think we have around 40 or 50 files open with them, primarily with Jim Craig," says Frederick "Fritz" Kaftan, senior attorney for West Bend. Kaftan says most of the cases they handle are ones where one of the company's insureds is sued. Most of the cases are settled agreeably, but a few have gone to court. One of the firm's best qualities, according to Kaftan, is its "ability to think outside the box and try to do things that brings closure to matters as opposed to dragging them out."

2 LEVINGER PC
DALLAS, TEXAS

With over 30 years of experience as a tried-and-true appellate lawyer, Jeff Levinger, founder of Levinger PC, is "the kind of guy that, if all attorneys were like he is, it would be a much better world," says Ken Abraham, founder and owner of Paddle Tramps Manufacturing Co. in Lubbock, Texas. Levinger was brought in as appellate counsel to represent Abraham against Alpha Chi Omega concerning the organization's claim that Abraham's company, which manufactures wooden paddles for fraternities and sororities, was guilty of trademark infringement by using the Greek organization's signs and symbols. Levinger was able to clear Abraham of the claims and Abraham continues business as usual.