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Law360 Reveals 400 Largest US Firms

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Law360, New York (May 29, 2017, 8:26 PM EDT) -- Greenberg Traurig LLP has vaulted over Jones Day to become the largest U.S. law firm, grabbing the top spot on the Law360 400, our annual ranking of the largest law firms in the country.

The Law360 400 ranks the largest U.S.-based law firms and vereins with a U.S. component as measured by domestic attorney headcount. Greenberg's ascent to the top has been slow yet steady over the past few years, growing from a headcount of 1,558 at the end of 2013 to 1,717 by the end of 2016.

On average, the largest U.S. firms in our ranking posted incremental growth in 2016 — a little less than 2 percent. Still, there were firms that charged up the ranking through large mergers and acquisitions, such as Fox Rothschild LLP, which formally completed a deal with Oppenheimer Wolff & Donnelly LLP in early 2016 that added more than 80 attorneys to its ranks, and Blank Rome LLP, which closed its acquisition of more than 100 Dickstein Shapiro LLP attorneys in the first few months of 2016.

But even if headcount growth has been somewhat tepid, over the past few years the biggest law firms have managed to become even bigger, with six firms at the top now sporting more than 1,600 U.S.-based attorneys, up from just one three years ago.

Beyond those behemoths, the list also reveals the moves of a wide range of large law firms that have boosted their headcount through smaller mergers or hiring sprees — or trimmed their ranks as they adjust to a sluggish legal market and fierce competition from rivals.

Largest US Law Firms

Notes:

*Firms either declined to provide headcount information or did not respond by the survey deadline. Law360 estimated the headcount data for those firms using the firms' websites.

N/A: No data available. NR: Not previously ranked













Rank	Firm	Total U.S. Partners	Total U.S. Attorneys	Rank Change
1	Greenberg Traurig	912	1,717	↑

2	Jones Day	676	1,671	↓
3	Latham & Watkins	453	1,654	↑
4	Kirkland & Ellis	761	1,644	↑
5	Morgan Lewis	650	1,616	↓
6	Sidley Austin	603	1,603	↓
7	Skadden	301	1,449	→
8	DLA Piper	584	1,365	→
9	K&L Gates	631	1,205	↑
10	Holland & Knight	584	1,144	↑
	Reed Smith	473	1,144	↓
12	Hogan Lovells	396	1,137	↑
13	Lewis Brisbois	660	1,135	↑
14	Gibson Dunn	313	1,130	↓
15	Ropes & Gray	256	1,102	↓
16	Perkins Coie	504	1,038	↑
17	McGuireWoods	418	1,021	↑
18	Littler Mendelson	464	1,013	↑
19	WilmerHale	251	995	↓
20	Mayer Brown	401	943	↑
21	BakerHostetler	469	942	↓
22	Dentons	475	915	↓
23	Covington & Burling	240	899	↑
	Paul Weiss	129	899	→
25	Goodwin Procter	314	892	→
26	Seyfarth Shaw	375	888	↑
27	Bryan Cave	349	878	↓
28	Simpson Thacher	151	869	↑
29	King & Spalding	324	863	↓
30	Cooley	277	857	↓
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31	Foley & Lardner*	402	844	↓
32	McDermott Will	466	831	↓
33	Alston & Bird	345	816	↓
34	Jackson Lewis	433	805	↓
35	Baker McKenzie	320	801	↑
36	Polsinelli	472	796	↑
37	Paul Hastings	245	792	→
38	Morrison & Foerster	248	789	↓
	Orrick Herrington	265	789	↑
40	Ogletree Deakins	381	782	↑
	Winston & Strawn	342	782	↓
42	Davis Polk	129	777	↓
43	Fox Rothschild	485	775	↑
44	Norton Rose Fulbright	297	774	↓
45	Wilson Elser	305	771	↓
46	Akin Gump	265	767	↓
47	Wilson Sonsini	197	755	↓
48	Gordon & Rees	304	733	↑
49	Locke Lord	345	726	↓
50	Sullivan & Cromwell	135	712	↓
51	Sheppard Mullin	305	711	↓
52	Husch Blackwell	348	705	↑
53	Baker Donelson	327	702	↑
54	Faegre Baker	360	701	↓
55	Pillsbury Winthrop	331	691	↑
56	Venable	295	686	↑
57	Troutman Sanders	308	685	↑
58	Akerman	425	682	↑
59	Hunton & Williams	285	681	↓
60	Clearv Gottlieb	101	677	↑

60	Creery Getches	181	677	■
61	Duane Morris	356	672	↓
62	Dechert	212	669	↓
63	Arnold & Porter	225	668	↓
64	Squire Patton	252	664	↓
65	Weil Gotshal*	199	658	↓
66	White & Case	170	656	↑
67	Nixon Peabody	319	651	↓
68	Proskauer Rose	220	650	↓
69	Dinsmore & Shohl	331	648	↓
70	O'Melveny & Myers	182	644	↑
71	Baker Botts	237	637	↓
72	Cozen O'Connor	391	611	↓
	Vinson & Elkins	218	611	↑
74	Blank Rome	304	605	↑
75	Drinker Biddle	259	604	↓
	Kilpatrick Townsend	241	604	↓
77	Katten Muchin	279	592	↓
78	Barnes & Thornburg	362	589	→
79	Quinn Emanuel	198	588	↓
80	Davis Wright Tremaine*	298	555	↑
81	Ballard Spahr	235	550	↓
82	Haynes and Boone	211	543	↓
83	Jenner & Block	221	542	↑
84	Bradley	283	532	↑
85	Mintz Levin	242	525	↓
86	Nelson Mullins	311	520	↑
87	Kutak Rock	312	509	↓
88	Womble Carlyle	285	507	↑
89	Frost Brown Todd	320	506	↑





























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90	Holland & Hart	242	502	↓
91	Debevoise & Plimpton	107	500	↑
	Marshall Dennehey	276	500	↓
93	Cravath Swaine	82	496	↑
94	Dorsey & Whitney	244	490	↓
95	Quarles & Brady	296	489	↑
96	Pepper Hamilton	230	485	↓
97	Hinshaw & Culbertson	308	484	↓
98	Willkie Farr*	142	480	↑
99	Shook Hardy*	221	473	↓
100	Stinson Leonard	293	459	↑

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101	Crowell & Moring	170	458	
102	Milbank Tweed*	112	446	
103	Buchanan Ingersoll	216	441	
104	Shearman & Sterling	108	439	
105	Dykema	221	419	
106	Andrews Kurth	187	407	
107	Sutherland Asbill	177	402	
108	Taft Stettinius	237	398	
109	McCarter & English	208	397	
110	Snell & Wilmer	203	396	
111	Steptoe & Johnson LLP	163	395	
112	Dickinson Wright	268	394	
113	Fried Frank	111	389	
	Jackson Walker*	256	389	
115	Fish & Richardson	175	383	
116	Fenwick & West	110	381	
117	Thompson Hine	197	378	
118	Thompson Coburn	250	376	
119	Stoel Rives	215	375	
120	Quintairos Prieto*	N/A	369	
121	Eckert Seamans	248	368	
122	Clark Hill	163	363	
	Jones Walker	232	363	
124	Fisher & Phillips	174	357	
125	Bracewell	165	356	
126	Vorys Sater	173	354	
127	LeClairRyan	246	347	
128	Manatt Phelps	193	341	

	Schulte Roth	88	341	↑
130	Carlton Fields	226	340	↓
	Kaye Scholer	103	340	↓
132	Cadwalader Wickersham	69	339	↓
133	Cole Scott	128	336	↑
134	Arent Fox	168	335	↓
135	Butler Snow*	N/A	332	→
136	Fragomen, Del Rey	91	328	↑
137	Winstead	155	326	↓
138	Morgan & Morgan*	N/A	319	↑
139	Schiff Hardin	180	317	↓
140	Ice Miller	187	314	↑
	Kramer Levin	98	314	→
142	Cahill Gordon	71	311	↓
143	Burr & Forman	181	310	↑
	Loeb & Loeb	180	310	↑
145	Thompson & Knight	144	305	↑
146	Finnegan	114	303	↑
147	Step toe & Johnson PLLC	130	302	↓
148	Kelley Drye	132	301	↑
149	Goldberg Segalla	153	300	↑
	GrayRobinson	184	300	↑
151	Moore & Van Allen	160	299	↑
152	Stroock & Stroock	88	294	↓
153	Vedder Price	166	293	↑
154	Boies Schiller*	142	288	↑
155	Lathrop & Gage	155	286	↓
156	Hughes Hubbard	80	285	↓
157	Williams & Connolly*	116	283	↑
158	Iowenstein Sandler*	106	280	↓

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159	Fredrikson & Byron	162	278	↑
	Honigman Miller	209	278	↓
	Knobbe Martens	152	278	↓
162	Adams and Reese	161	277	↓
	Day Pitney	133	277	↑
	McElroy Deutsch	114	277	↓
165	Barclay Damon	124	274	↓
166	Sedgwick	131	271	↓
167	Phelps Dunbar	126	270	↓
168	Bass Berry	120	268	↑
	Bond Schoeneck	153	268	↑
170	Kasowitz Benson	88	265	↓
171	Shutts & Bowen	188	262	↓
172	Lewis Roca	163	259	↓
173	Shumaker Loop*	180	256	↑
174	Saul Ewing	137	254	↓
175	Epstein Becker	127	245	↑
176	Foley Hoag	108	243	↑
177	Wachtell Lipton*	81	242	↓
	White and Williams	103	242	→
179	Maynard Cooper	140	241	↓
180	Wiley Rein	108	240	↓
181	Williams Mullen	165	236	↑
182	Michael Best	145	235	↑
183	Miles & Stockbridge	127	232	↓
184	Robins Kaplan*	83	231	↑
185	Armstrong Teasdale	127	228	↑
	Chapman and Cutler	136	228	↓
187	Warner Norcross	115	227	↓
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









188	Brownstein Hyatt	130	226	↓
	Waller Lansden*	123	226	↑
190	Miller Canfield	125	225	↓
191	Litchfield Cavo	126	224	→
192	Chadbourn & Parke*	71	217	→
193	Stradley Ronon	111	216	↑
194	Goulston & Storrs	113	215	↑
	Harris Beach	111	215	↓
196	Tucker Ellis	81	214	↑
	Wood Smith	51	214	↑
198	Balch & Bingham*	145	212	↓
	Munger Tolles	82	212	↓
	Reinhart Boerner	86	212	↑
	Robinson & Cole	101	212	↑

Rank	Firm	Total U.S. Partners	Total U.S. Attorneys	Rank Change
202	Strasburger & Price*	123	208	
203	Buchalter	99	206	
	Hall Render	113	206	
205	Gardere Wynne Sewell	122	205	
	Gibbons	117	205	
	Smith Gambrell*	130	205	
208	Hodgson Russ*	127	201	
209	Patterson Belknap	50	200	
210	Greenspoon Marder	93	199	
	McGlinchey Stafford	85	199	
	Spencer Fane	104	199	
213	Nexsen Pruet	126	196	
	Parker Poe	127	196	
215	Allen Matkins	120	195	
216	Phillips Lytle	77	192	
217	Bingham Greenebaum	121	189	
218	Lane Powell	109	188	
	Stites & Harbison*	120	188	
220	Thompson Coe	93	187	
221	Benesch Friedlander	105	186	
	Best Best & Krieger	99	186	
223	Morris Manning	91	185	
	Porter Wright*	119	185	
	Sherman & Howard	109	185	
226	Gray Plant	120	184	
227	Gunster	116	183	
228	McKool Smith	89	182	
229	Seward & Kissel	57	181	

229	Seward & Kissel	57	101	↓
230	Bowman and Brooke	102	179	↑
231	Archer & Greiner	113	178	↓
	Brown Rudnick*	87	178	↓
	McAfee & Taft	101	178	→
	Shipman & Goodwin	96	178	↓
	SmithAmundsen	99	178	↑
236	Choate	89	176	↑
237	Fennemore Craig*	113	175	↓
238	Godfrey & Kahn*	84	174	↓
239	Varnum	86	173	↑
240	Robbins Geller*	84	172	↓
241	Bressler Amery*	74	171	NR
	Constangy Brooks	102	171	↑
	Dickie McCamey	92	171	↑
244	Broad and Cassel	69	170	↓
245	FisherBroyles	165	169	NR
	Hall Booth*	76	169	NR
	Rivkin Radler	88	169	↑
	Roetzel & Andress	102	169	↑
249	Jackson Kelly*	90	168	↓
250	Atkinson Andelson	90	166	↑
251	Arnall Golden	102	165	↑
	Smith Moore	104	165	↓
253	Morrison Mahoney	80	164	↓
254	McAngus Goudelock*	N/A	163	NR
255	FordHarrison	79	162	↑
	Whiteford Taylor*	92	162	↑
257	Manning & Kass*	N/A	160	↓
258	Buckley Sandler	11	150	↑

258	Buckley Sanders	71	153	■
259	Crowley Fleck	81	158	↑
260	Hanson Bridgett	94	157	↓
261	Kelly Hart	94	156	↓
	Procopio Cory	75	156	↑
	Ulmer & Berne	97	156	↓
264	Cohen & Grigsby*	106	155	↑
	Lewis Rice*	114	155	↑
	Pryor Cashman	84	155	↑
	Wyatt Tarrant*	88	155	↓
268	Cullen and Dykman*	86	154	↑
	Foley & Mansfield	69	154	↑
	Richards Layton*	67	154	↑
271	Calfee Halter*	83	153	↓
	Kean Miller	91	153	↓
	Nossaman	94	153	↑
	Schwabe Williamson*	105	153	↓
275	Greensfelder Hemker	81	152	↓
	Hinckley Allen*	103	152	↓
	Miller Nash	97	152	↓
278	Segal McCambridge*	46	151	↓
279	Curtis Mallet-Prevost	58	150	↑
	Davis Graham	67	150	↓
	Hawkins Parnell	85	150	↑
	Nutter McClennen	72	150	↓
	Pierce Atwood	99	150	↑
284	Bricker & Eckler	80	149	↓
	von Briesen	106	149	↑
286	Rutan & Tucker	92	148	↓
287	Briggs and Morgan*	105	147	↓

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	Sullivan & Worcester	86	147	↓
289	Laughlin Falbo*	36	146	↓
	Wiggin and Dana*	75	146	↑
291	Cipriani & Werner*	99	145	NR
292	Howard & Howard	103	144	↓
	Plunkett Cooney*	77	144	↓
294	Arnstein & Lehr*	97	143	↓
	Lindquist & Vennum	99	143	↓
	Riker Danzig	50	143	↑
297	Adelson Testan	73	142	↓
298	Bodman PLC	91	141	↓
299	Sills Cummis	65	140	↑
	Stevens & Lee*	92	140	↓

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301	Becker & Poliakoff	77	139	
	Burns White	65	139	
	Butzel Long*	92	139	
304	Chiesa Shahinian	64	138	
	Windels Marx	57	138	
306	Kirton McConkie*	91	137	
	McDonald Hopkins*	82	137	
308	Neal Gerber*	85	136	
	Post & Schell*	63	136	
	Reminger Co.*	N/A	136	
311	Offit Kurman*	104	135	NR
	Ryley Carlock	30	135	NR
	Schwegman Lundberg	28	135	
314	HeplerBroom	66	134	NR
	Norris McLaughlin*	98	134	
	Schnader Harrison	74	134	
	Verrill Dana	63	134	
318	Smith Anderson	85	133	
319	Brinks Gilson	66	132	
	Cole Schotz	83	132	
	Hanna Brophy*	35	132	NR
	McNees Wallace*	71	132	
	Stradling Yocca*	74	132	
324	Conroy Simberg*	48	131	
	DeWitt Ross*	N/A	131	
	Herrick Feinstein*	55	131	
	Winthrop & Weinstine*	N/A	131	
328	Miller & Martin	81	130	
	Mitchell Silberberg	75	130	
	Sterne Kessler	47	130	

	Stoll Keenon	80	130	↓
	Taylor English	85	130	↓
333	Liskow & Lewis*	72	129	↓
	Montgomery McCracken	68	129	↑
335	Cox Castle	74	128	↓
	Parsons Behle*	90	128	↓
	Spilman Thomas*	57	128	↓
	Swanson Martin	68	128	↑
339	Connell Foley	63	127	↓
	Hall Estill	86	127	↑
	Robinson Bradshaw*	N/A	127	↓
342	Foster Pepper	86	123	↓
	Gray Reed	74	123	↓
344	Burns & Levinson	80	122	↓
	Crowe & Dunlevy*	77	122	↓
	Davis & Gilbert	58	122	↓
	Freeborn & Peters	77	122	↑
	Ober Kaler	77	122	↑
349	Heyl Royster	63	120	↓
350	Babst Calland*	65	119	↓
	Bowles Rice*	69	119	↓
	Harter Secrest*	57	119	↓
	Irell & Manella	44	119	↓
354	Farella Braun	74	117	↓
	Fitzpatrick Cella*	49	117	↓
	Kaufman Borgeest*	N/A	117	↓
	Kaufman Dolowich	58	117	↑
	Munsch Hardt*	77	117	→
	Stearns Weaver	93	117	↓
360	Swift Currie	50	116	NR
361	Chamberlain Hrdlicka*	61	115	↓

	Sirote & Permutt	79	115	↓
	Susman Godfrey	61	115	↓
364	Harness Dickey	72	114	↓
	Jeffer Mangels*	71	114	NR
	Linebarger Goggan	79	114	NR
367	Brown & James	42	113	↓
	Porter Hedges	67	113	↓
	Sandberg Phoenix*	47	113	NR
370	Conner & Winters*	87	112	↓
	Jaffe Raitt*	N/A	112	↓
	Kelley Kronenberg	53	112	NR
	Obermayer Rebmann*	54	112	↓
374	Barack Ferrazzano	77	111	↓
	Keating Muething	59	111	↓
376	Merchant & Gould	60	110	↓
	Selman Breitman	44	110	↓
378	Riemer & Braunstein*	N/A	109	NR
	Wilentz Goldman	66	109	↓
380	Banner & Witcoff	70	108	↑
	Rawle & Henderson	37	108	↓
	Vernis & Bowling	2	108	NR
383	Garvey Schubert	74	107	↓
	Hahn Loeser	73	107	↓
385	Morrison Cohen*	67	106	↑
386	Butler Weihmuller*	56	105	NR
	Galloway Johnson	40	105	NR
	Musick Peeler*	N/A	105	↑
	Weber Gallagher*	63	105	NR
390	McCalla Raymer*	42	104	NR
	Murtha Cullina	52	104	↓
392	Bernstein Shur	56	103	↓
	Bovensides & Diamond	61	103	↓

	Beveridge & Diamond	61	103	↓
	Clausen Miller	71	103	↓
	Margolis Edelstein*	N/A	103	↓
	Miller & Chevalier*	56	103	NR
397	Halloran & Sage*	N/A	102	↓
	Hill Ward	62	102	↓
	Young Conaway*	53	102	↓
400	Burke Williams	72	101	NR
	Carr Allison*	N/A	101	NR
	Haynsworth Sinkler*	80	101	↓
	Kessler Topaz*	32	101	NR
	Miller Johnson*	69	101	NR
	Peckar & Abramson	61	101	NR
	Ray Quinney*	69	101	NR
	Traub Lieberman*	56	101	NR

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Methodology: Law360 surveyed U.S. law firms, and vereins with a U.S. component, on domestic attorney and partner headcount information as of Dec. 31, 2016. Firms based outside the U.S. were not surveyed, and only attorneys based in the 50 states and the District of Columbia were included in the responses. Firms that have shareholders, members or principals in lieu of partners have those numbers listed in the "partner" field. The data used to compile last year's ranking has been revised if a miscalculation in a law firm's submitted headcount data was identified after last year's ranking was published.

Several mergers went into effect in the first few days of January 2017. Data for those firms is as of Dec. 31, 2016, pre-merger. Arnold & Porter LLP and Kaye Scholer LLP merged effective Jan. 1, 2017, and are now known as Arnold & Porter Kaye Scholer LLP.

Sutherland Asbill & Brennan and U.K. firm Eversheds merged Jan. 1, 2017, and the combined firm is known as Eversheds Sutherland. Baker Donelson Bearman Caldwell & Berkowitz PC merged with Ober Kaler Jan 3, 2017, and the combined firm maintains the name Baker Donelson.