

Law Firms' Headcount Holds Up Despite Closures

Tech, Life Sciences See Boost in Work

By KEVIN COSTELLOE

Even though COVID-19 closed courtrooms and forced employees to work from their homes, Orange County's biggest law firms found a way to keep their workforce steady.

The 89 firms that made this year's list added 19 OC attorneys for a total of 2,758 lawyers. The firms added 15 new partners for a total of 1,260.

"We saw a surge of activity in the technology, healthcare and life sciences, and energy sectors," said Michele Johnson, a partner in the Costa Mesa office of Latham & Watkins LLP.

"The first two were particularly active areas here in Orange County. We have such a dynamic and vibrant tech and life sciences community that I expect continued growth in those areas" while real estate in Southern California remains an active market.

Latham & Watkins' OC office added seven attorneys for a total of 80, helping it jump two slots to No. 3. The local office also features two partners who run global departments for the firm, which has about 3,000 attorneys spread across more than 30 offices. Besides Johnson, who has been the global chair of the litigation and trial department since 2019, it also features Latham partner Charles Ruck, who

practices in Orange County and New York. He was named the global chair of the corporate department on March 9.

The Business Journal's annual list ranks the firms based on local attorneys, with a cutoff of 10 lawyers.

The list showed the largest firms employ 5,203 in Orange County, a 2.9% decline from a year ago. Firmwide, they employed 37,081 attorneys, a 2.6% increase.

Among the highlights:

■ **Knobbe Martens** in Irvine kept its place as the largest OC law firm by attorney count despite dipping slightly to 147, down two lawyers from the year before.

"Throughout the pandemic, we helped companies in the healthcare space that were developing vaccines and other inventions to care for patients," Knobbe Managing Partner Steven Nataupsky told the Business Journal.

"I think this work will continue and grow."

■ **Rutan & Tucker LLP** has moved into new offices along Jamboree Road though its lawyers and staff are still working from home for the most part. It stayed in the No. 2 spot with 137 lawyers, according to the Business Journal survey.

In terms of taking care of clients, working from home, hiring and maintaining the firm's financial health, "the year turned out actually very well for us," Managing Partner Mark Frazier told the Business Journal (see story, page 16).

■ The Irvine office of Los Angeles powerhouse **Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP** with

79 lawyers, moved up to No. 4, jumping three notches from last year's ranking.

■ Rounding out the leaders at No. 5 was **Bremer, Whyte, Brown & O'Meara LLP** based in Newport Beach, which added one lawyer to reach 77 local attorneys.

The rest of the top 10:

■ **Stradling Yocca Carlson & Rauth PC** in Newport Beach, steady at No. 6 with 74 local lawyers.

■ **Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP** in Costa Mesa fell four places to No. 7 as its attorney count decreased to 73.

■ **Snell & Wilmer** also in Costa Mesa, steady at No. 8 as its local attorney count remained at 66.

■ **Troutman Pepper Hamilton Sanders LLP** in Irvine, formed by a merger last year, was in ninth place with 58 local lawyers.

■ **Newmeyer Dillion** in Newport Beach moved up one place to No. 10 with a steady lawyer headcount of 56.

■ The local office of Los Angeles-based **O'Melveny & Myers LLP** slipped three places to No. 12, as the attorneys in its Newport Beach office dipped to 54 from 58 last year, while **Jones Day** in Irvine slipped two places to No. 15 as its attorney count was trimmed by one to 48 lawyers. **Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP** in Costa Mesa moved up one notch to No. 16 with 42 lawyers in a three-way tie. ■



Knobbe Martens Managing Partner: 'Litigators Will Become Busier'

Steven Nataupsky, the managing partner of Knobbe Martens, offered the Business Journal some of his thoughts on post-COVID-19 legal practice in OC:

■ "To the extent that OC firms were affected by the pandemic, I think the legal community will recover through the course of the year as courts return to business as usual. The closures of state and federal courts affected several firms as litigation cases were delayed."

■ "Now that vaccines are becoming more widely available, courts are starting the reopening process. It will take a

while to catch up on the backlog, but litigators will become busier, which will be the foundation for the recovery."

■ "As things return to normal, the demand for both litigation and transactional attorneys will increase."

■ "Knobbe Martens limits its practice to intellectual property. Throughout the pandemic we helped companies in the healthcare space that were developing vaccines and other inventions to care for patients. I think this work will continue and grow."

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1	Knobbe Martens 2040 Main St., 14th floor (1) Irvine 92614-7218 Headquarters: Irvine Website: knobbe.com Email: info@knobbe.com	147 -1%	258 101	397 -7%	7	Intellectual property and technology law including litigation, patents and trademarks, copyrights, unfair competition, trade secrets, rights of publicity, licensing, USPTO trial	Amazon Inc., Monster Energy, Masimo Corp., Smith & Nephew, Lupin Limited, Edwards Lifesciences Corp., Fisher & Paykel	Steven Nataupsky managing partner (949) 760-0404/(949) 760-9502
2	Rutan & Tucker LLP 18575 Jamboree Road, ninth floor (2) Irvine 92612-2534 Headquarters: Irvine Website: rutan.com Email: dross@rutan.com	137 -4%	149 89	265 2%	3	Corporate and tax, employment, government and regulatory, intellectual property, land use, litigation and trial, real estate, banking and finance, construction, P3/infrastructure	would not disclose	Mark B. Frazier managing partner (714) 641-5100/(714) 546-9035
3	Latham & Watkins LLP 650 Town Center Drive, 20th floor (5) Costa Mesa 92626-1925 Headquarters: NA Website: lw.com Email: webmaster@lw.com	80 10%	3,048 16	155 5%	29	M&A, private equity, securities litigation, intellectual property, corporate finance, real estate finance, environmental, shareholder activism	Allergan, Ambray Genetics, CalAmp, Inari Medical, Lineage Logistics, NextGen Healthcare, Piper Sandler, Puma Biotechnology, William Lyon Homes	B. Shayne Kennedy office managing partner (714) 540-1235/(714) 755-8290
4	Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP 3161 Michelson Drive (7) Irvine 92612-4412 Headquarters: N/A Website: gibsondunn.com Email: inquiries@gibsondunn.com	79 16%	1,538 15	129 9%	20	Complex litigation, M&A, corporate finance, shareholder activism, intellectual property/patent, securities litigation, environmental, data privacy, restructuring, FCPA, employment	Rimini Street, Allergan, Chevron, Western Digital, HP, Landsea Homes Corp.	Michael Flynn partner in charge (949) 451-3800/(949) 451-4220
5	Bremer, Whyte, Brown & O'Meara LLP 20320 S.W. Birch St., second floor (4) Newport Beach 92660-1787 Headquarters: Newport Beach Website: bremerwhyte.com Email: nwwhyte@bremerwhyte.com	77 1%	171 16	129 -2%	11	General civil litigation, business litigation, family law, personal injury, wills/trusts, construction, environmental law, real estate law, employment law	Uber, Waste Management Inc., Toshiba, Farmers Insurance, Arch Insurance Group Inc., Enterprise Rent-A-Car, Discover, James River Insurance, Liberty	Nicole Whyte/Keith Bremer/ Jeremy Johnson CEO, founding partner/founding partner/COO (949) 221-1000/(949) 221-1001

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6	Stradling Yocca Carlson & Rauth PC 660 Newport Center Drive, Ste. 1600 Newport Beach 92660-6442 Headquarters: Newport Beach Website: stradlinglaw.com Email: sfeuchter@stradlinglaw.com		74 3%	112 45	136 -2%	10	Business litigation, corporate and securities, corporate investigations and white collar defense, intellectual property, public finance, public law	Edwards Lifesciences, Kofax, Okapi Venture, Restaurant365, Salas O'Brien, State of California, Tandem Diabetes Care	Brian Forbath/Kathleen Marcus/Mark Skaist/Bruce Feuchter/Doug Brown shareholders (949) 725-4000/(949) 725-4100				
7	Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP 650 Town Center Drive, 10th floor Costa Mesa 92626-1993 Headquarters: Los Angeles Website: sheppardmullin.com Email: info@sheppardmullin.com		73 -5%	946 31	128 -12%	15	Litigation, finance and bankruptcy, labor and employment, intellectual property, real estate and land use, corporate, tax	Anaheim Arena Management LLC (Anaheim Ducks), Chevron U.S.A. Inc., Comerica Bank, KBS Strategic Opportunity REIT Inc., NextGen Healthcare Inc.	Sean O'Connor office managing partner (714) 513-5100/(714) 513-5130				
8	Snell & Wilmer 600 Anton Blvd., Ste. 1400 Costa Mesa 92626-7689 Headquarters: Phoenix Website: swlaw.com Email: info@swlaw.com		66 0%	452 33	107 -11%	15	Corporate/finance, commercial litigation, intellectual property, real estate, product liability, estate planning, franchising, employment, bankruptcy, environmental, construction	would not disclose	Ketan S. Vakil/Eric S. Pezold managing partners, Orange County office (714) 427-7000/(714) 427-7799				
9	Troutman Pepper Hamilton Sanders LLP⁽¹⁾ 5 Park Plaza, Ste. 1400 Irvine 92614-2545 Headquarters: NA Website: troutman.com Email: troutman.pepper@troutman.com		58 26%	1,201 26	83 12%	24	Corporate and securities, real estate finance, business litigation, renewable energy, insurance, labor and employment, intellectual property, cybersecurity, multifamily housing	Delta Airlines, CrossFit, Lucky Brand, CoreLogic Inc., Verizon, Beazley Group	David B. Allen office managing partner (949) 622-2700/(949) 622-2739				
10	Newmeyer Dillion 895 Dove St., fifth floor Newport Beach 92660-2999 Headquarters: Newport Beach Website: newmeyerdillion.com Email: marketing@ndlf.com		56 0%	68 32	93 -4%	3	Residential and commercial real estate, business transactions and litigation, insurance coverage, cybersecurity, employment, land use, environmental, construction litigation	would not disclose	Paul L. Tetzloff managing partner (949) 854-7000/(949) 854-7099				
11	Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith LLP 650 Town Center Drive, Ste. 1400 Costa Mesa 92626-7020 Headquarters: Los Angeles Website: lewisbrisbois.com Email: charles.harris@lewisbrisbois.com		55 -5%	1,500 28	96 0%	53	General liability, construction, employment, professional and commercial liability, transportation, medical and legal malpractice	would not disclose	Charles Harris managing partner (714) 545-9200/(714) 850-1030				
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12	Buchalter 18400 Von Karman Ave., Ste. 800 Irvine 92612-0514 Headquarters: Los Angeles Website: buchalter.com Email: marketing@buchalter.com		54 8%	310 24	93 16%	9	Aviation and aerospace, commercial finance, corporate, healthcare, intellectual property, insolvency, labor and employment, litigation, real estate, tax/estate planning	would not disclose	Martin P. Florman managing partner, Orange County office (949) 760-1121/(949) 720-0182				
12	O'Melveny & Myers LLP 610 Newport Center Drive, 17th floor Newport Beach 92660-6419 Headquarters: Los Angeles Website: omm.com Email: info@omm.com		54 -7%	758 17	90 -5%	15	Corporate/securities, intellectual property and technology, commercial litigation, executive compensation, tax, labor/employment, financial services, real estate	CoreLogic Inc., Edwards LifeSciences Corp., Fannie Mae, Glaukos Corp., Ocwen Financial Corp., Sabra Healthcare REIT Inc., Western Digital Corp.	Amy Laurendeau managing partner (949) 823-6900/(949) 823-6994				
14	Fisher & Phillips LLP 2050 Main St., Ste. 1000 Irvine 92614-8240 Headquarters: Atlanta Website: fisherphillips.com Email: fp@fisherphillips.com		51 9%	478 22	83 -1%	37	Labor/employment, employee benefits, trade secrets, immigration	would not disclose	James McDonald office managing partner (949) 851-2424/(949) 851-0152				
15	Jones Day 3161 Michelson Drive, Ste. 800 Irvine 92612-4408 Headquarters: NA Website: jonesday.com Email: info@jonesday.com		48 -2%	2,566 14	70 -3%	42	Litigation, M&A, corporate, intellectual property, healthcare, labor and employment, securities litigation, banking and finance, cybersecurity, privacy	Advantage Sales & Marketing, Ambry Genetics, Cylance, Experian Information Solutions Inc., Lennar Corp., Wells Fargo & Co.	Richard Grabowski partner-in-charge (949) 851-3939/(949) 553-7539				
16	Allen Matkins 1900 Main St., fifth floor Irvine 92614-7321 Headquarters: Los Angeles Website: allenmatkins.com Email: kbecher@allenmatkins.com		42 2%	205 24	83 -2%	5	Real estate, corporate/finance, tax/joint venture, litigation, environmental/natural resources, labor/employment; restructuring, insolvency and bankruptcy	would not disclose	Drew Emmel office operating partner (949) 553-1313/(949) 553-8354				
16	Jackson Lewis PC 200 Spectrum Center Drive, Ste. 500 Irvine 92618-5005 Headquarters: White Plains, N.Y. Website: jacksonlewis.com Email: tracy.pan@jacksonlewis.com		42 2%	963 10	63 -2%	58	Employment litigation and labor law	would not disclose	Alison L. Lynch office managing principal (949) 885-1360/(949) 885-1380				

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16 (17)	Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP 600 Anton Blvd., Ste. 1800 Costa Mesa 92626-7653 Headquarters: NA Website: morganlewis.com Email: news@morganlewis.com		42 2%	2,001 20	88 -1%	31	Corporate and finance, labor and employment, investment management, securities regulation and litigation, commercial litigation	would not disclose	Collie F. James IV Orange County office managing partner (714) 830-0600/(714) 830-0700	
19 (16)	Woodruff, Spradlin & Smart, APC 555 Anton Blvd., Ste. 1200 Costa Mesa 92626-7670 Headquarters: Costa Mesa Website: wss-law.com Email: tburnside@wss-law.com		41 -2%	42 24	74 -4%	1	Public agency, including tort litigation, eminent domain, labor/employment, transactional and environmental law	would not disclose	Lois Bobak/Joseph Forbath/ Gregory Simonian/Barbara Raileanu executive committee (714) 558-7000/(714) 835-7787	
20 (21)	Callahan & Blaine 3 Hutton Centre Drive, Ste. 900 Santa Ana 92707-5781 Headquarters: Santa Ana Website: callahan-law.com Email: dcallahan@callahan-law.com		36 0%	36 6	85 0%	2	Business, real estate and intellectual property litigation, employment law, insurance coverage and bad faith, catastrophic personal injury, including brain trauma/wrongful death	would not disclose	Daniel Callahan/Edward Susolik founding partner, president/ senior partner, VP (714) 241-4444/(714) 241-4445	
21 (31)	Walsworth 1 City Blvd. W., fifth floor Orange 92868-3621 Headquarters: Orange Website: wfbm.com Email: media@wfbm.com		35 17%	58 26	71 11%	4	Life Science, business commercial/real estate, construction, employment, environmental, general/premises liability, product liability, professional liability, public entity	would not disclose	Dee Cohen Katz managing partner (714) 634-2522/(714) 634-0686	
22 (28)	Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo 20 Pacifica, Ste. 1100 Irvine 92618-3398 Headquarters: Cerritos Website: aalrr.com Email: duran@aalrr.com		34 10%	212 20	40 -5%	9	Public and private employment, education, labor, construction, facilities, litigation, corporate law, cities, counties, special districts, water	Masimo Corp., Santa Ana Unified School District, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California	Anthony P. De Marco office managing partner/ Southern California education law practice group leader (949) 453-4260/(949) 453-4262	
23 (20)	Littler 18565 Jamboree Road, Ste. 800 Irvine 92612-2535 Headquarters: NA Website: littler.com		33 -18%	1,639 12	44 -20%	97	Labor and employment law	would not disclose	Jon G. Miller office managing shareholder (949) 705-3000/(949) 724-1201	














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24 (31)	Koeller, Nebeker, Carlson & Haluck LLP 3 Park Plaza, Ste. 1500 Irvine 92614-8558 Headquarters: Irvine Website: knchlaw.com Email: infoirvine@knchlaw.com		32 7%	84 15	69 0%	8	General and government tort liability, construction, business and employment litigation	would not disclose	Robert A. Fisher equity partner (949) 864-3400/(949) 864-9000	
24 (23)	Nossaman LLP 18101 Von Karman Ave., Ste. 1800 Irvine 92612-0177 Headquarters: NA Website: nossaman.com Email: info@nossaman.com		32 -3%	140 18	53 0%	8	Environmental, land use, eminent domain, real estate, employment, public finance, healthcare, water, litigation	would not disclose	George Joseph managing partner (949) 833-7800/(949) 833-7878	
27 (31)	Crowell & Moring LLP 3 Park Plaza, 20th floor Irvine 92614-8505 Headquarters: Washington, D.C. Website: crowell.com Email: info@crowell.com		31 3%	560 8	97 7%	10	Antitrust, affirmative recovery, litigation, environmental, health care, IP, investigations, media/advertising, white collar/regulatory enforcement, insurance, State AG	General Motors Company, Ingram Micro Inc., Humana Inc., Regents of the University of California, United Airlines, AT&T, Marriott	Chahira Solh managing partner (949) 263-8400/(949) 263-8414	
27 (35)	Gordon Rees Scully Mansukhani LLP 5 Park Plaza, Ste. 1100 Irvine 92614-8502 Headquarters: San Francisco Website: grsm.com Email: marketing@grsm.com		31 7%	1,042 13	43 5%	70	Commercial litigation, employment litigation, products liability defense, intellectual property, construction, tax, corporate transactions, energy, cleantech, infrastructure	would not disclose	Christine Barker/Manuel Saldana co-managing partners, OC office (949) 255-6950/(949) 474-2060	
27 (25)	Ogletree, Deakins, Nash, Smoak & Stewart PC⁽²⁾ 695 Town Center Drive, 15th floor Costa Mesa 92626-7106 Headquarters: Greenville, S.C. Website: ogletree.com Email: client.services@ogletreedeakins.com		31 -3%	915 11	53 -9%	53	Labor and employment, litigation, workplace safety and health, wage and hour, sports and entertainment	would not disclose	Michael Sexton managing shareholder, Orange County (714) 800-7900/(714) 754-1298	

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27 (25)	Orrick 2050 Main St., Ste. 1100 Irvine 92614-8255 Headquarters: San Francisco Website: orrick.com Email: pr@orrick.com	31 -3%	1,342 5	55 4%	28	IP, trade secrets, complex litigation and dispute resolution, finance, white collar, investigations, securities litigation and compliance	Microsoft, Nvidia, Netflix, eBay, Xponential Fitness, Foxconn	Glenn Dasso/Don Field co-managing partners (949) 567-6700/(949) 567-6710	
27 (38)	Palmieri, Tyler, Wiener, Wilhelm & Waldron LLP 1900 Main St., Ste. 700 Irvine 92614-7328 Headquarters: Irvine Website: ptwww.com Email: thaytack@ptwww.com	31 11%	31 16	60 2%	1	Business litigation, real estate/corporate, estate planning/wealth management, labor/employment	would not disclose	Dennis W. Ghan/Chadwick C. Bunch/Ryan M. Easter/Erica M. Sorosky management committee (949) 851-9400/(949) 851-1554	
27 (25)	Payne & Fears LLP 4 Park Plaza, Ste. 1100 Irvine 92614-8550 Headquarters: Irvine Website: paynefears.com Email: info@paynefears.com	31 -3%	41 19	53 -4%	6	Labor/employment, business litigation, insurance coverage	Safeway, Walmart stores, CVS, ABM Industries, SC Fuels	Jeffrey K. Brown managing partner (949) 851-1100/(949) 851-1212	
33 (35)	Haynes and Boone LLP 600 Anton Blvd., Ste. 700 Costa Mesa 92626-7651 Headquarters: Dallas Website: haynesboone.com Email: greg.michelson@haynesboone.com	30 3%	597 11	53 -2%	18	IP (patent prosecution, litigation, and PTO proceedings), commercial litigation, appellate litigation, insurance litigation, real estate, mergers/acquisitions, labor/employment	PayPal Inc., Qualcomm Inc., Western Digital Corp., Edwards Lifesciences, Lyft Inc., CoreLogic Inc.	Greg Michelson administrative partner, Orange County (949) 202-3000/(949) 202-3001	
34 (43)	Paul Hastings LLP 695 Town Center Drive, 17th floor Costa Mesa 92626-1924 Headquarters: Los Angeles Website: paulhastings.com	29 12%	1,050 9	43 -14%	21	Corporate, employment, finance, litigation, real estate, tax	Cushman & Wakefield Inc., Disneyland Resort, Facebook Inc., Fitness International Inc., GI Partners, Teachers Insurance, Wells Fargo & Co.	John Simonis office chair, Orange County (714) 668-6200/(714) 979-1921	

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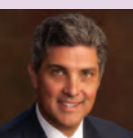
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35 (23)	Jackson Tidus 2030 Main St., 12th floor Irvine 92614-9704 Headquarters: Irvine Website: jacksontidus.law Email: info@jacksontidus.law		28 -15%	31 17	42 -25%	2	Litigation, real estate, land use, subdivision, business	would not disclose	Alim Malik president (949) 752-8585/(949) 752-0597	
35 (35)	Manatt, Phelps & Phillips LLP 695 Town Center Drive, 14th floor Costa Mesa 92626-1924 Headquarters: Los Angeles Website: manatt.com Email: shori@manatt.com		28 -3%	301 14	49 -8%	10	Litigation, white collar, real estate, land use, privacy/data security, corporate finance, M&A, financial services, intellectual property, labor/employment, environmental	Avanath Capital Management, Impac Mortgage Holdings, CapRock Partners, D.A. Davidson Companies, Del Taco, Mullen Technologies, Poseidon Water	Susan Hori office partner (714) 371-2500/(714) 371-2550	
37 (28)	Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner LLP 1920 Main St., Ste. 1000 Irvine 92614-7276 Headquarters: NA Website: bclplaw.com		27 -13%	1,437 11	45 -17%	30	Corporate finance, financial services, real estate, intellectual property, labor/employment, litigation, private client, product liability	would not disclose	Holly P. Lopez Irvine office managing partner (949) 223-7000/(949) 223-7100	
37 (45)	Hall Griffin LLP 1851 E. First St., 10th floor Santa Ana 92705-4054 Headquarters: Santa Ana Website: hallgriffin.com Email: info@hallgriffin.com		27 8%	27 6	50 4%	5	Construction, complex commercial litigation, real estate-related litigation, mortgage banking litigation, labor and employment, professional liability and personal injury defense	Lennar Homes of California Inc., NationStar Mortgage LLC, Orange Coast Title Co., Western National Group, CEATS Inc.	Howard D. Hall managing partner (714) 918-7000/(714) 918-6996	
37 (28)	Theodora Oringher PC 535 Anton Blvd., ninth floor Costa Mesa 92626-7109 Headquarters: Los Angeles Website: tocounsel.com Email: info@tocounsel.com		27 -4%	53 18	44 -2%	3	Business/civil litigation, corporate, labor/employment, healthcare, sports, construction, real estate	would not disclose	Todd C. Theodora/Kevin A. Dorse CEO, president/CFO, managing partner (714) 549-6200/(714) 549-6201	

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37 (38)	Wolfe & Wyman LLP 2301 Dupont Drive, Ste. 300 Irvine 92612-7531 Headquarters: Irvine Website: ww.law Email: sbwolfe@ww.law	27 13%	48 11	53 6%	6	Banking, finance and mortgage litigation; insurance litigation, construction, employment law, environmental law, real estate, business litigation, retail, hospitality	Citibank, PNC Bank, MoneyGram, Cenlar FSB, Ntl Indem Co., W.R.Berkley Corp., Marriott Resorts, Westin Resorts, Smart & Final, Knight Insurance	Stuart B. Wolfe/Samuel A. Wyman partners (949) 475-9200/(949) 475-9203	
41 (38)	Jones & Mayer 3777 N. Harbor Blvd. Fullerton 92835-1336 Headquarters: Fullerton Website: jones-mayer.com Email: rdj@jones-mayer.com	26 -7%	34 7	47 -2%	2	Municipal, labor, civil litigation, receiverships, police legal advisor	Cities of Fullerton, La Habra, Costa Mesa, Whittier, Westminster, California State Sheriffs' Association	Richard D. Jones owner/president (714) 446-1400/(714) 446-1448	
41 (41)	K&L Gates LLP 1 Park Plaza, 12th floor Irvine 92614-5910 Headquarters: NA Website: klgates.com Email: survey@klgates.com	26 37%	1,906 14	55 28%	45	Corporate, intellectual property, product liability, life sciences, employment, commercial litigation, tax	Axonics Modulation Technologies Inc., MannKind Corp., Veritone Inc.	Michael A. Hedge managing partner (949) 253-0900/(949) 253-0902	
43 (41)	Best Best & Krieger LLP 18101 Von Karman Ave., Ste. 1000 Irvine 92612-0164 Headquarters: Riverside Website: bbklaw.com Email: info@bbklaw.com	25 -7%	214 13	48 -6%	10	Municipal, special district, environmental and natural resources, election, business, litigation, energy and real estate law	Cities of Lake Forest, Aliso Viejo, San Clemente, Santa Ana, Stanton and the Municipal Water District of Orange County	Matthew Richardson office managing partner (949) 263-2600/(949) 260-0972	
43 (46)	Ferruzzo & Ferruzzo LLP 3737 Birch St., Ste. 400 Newport Beach 92660-4969 Headquarters: Newport Beach Website: ferruzzo.com Email: jfferruzzo@ferruzzo.com	25 4%	25 11	43 2%	1	Business, taxation, real estate, litigation, estate planning, probate, trust administration, trust litigation, and employer practices	would not disclose	James J. Ferruzzo managing partner (949) 608-6900/(949) 608-6994	

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43 (31)	Murtaugh Treglia Stern & Deily LLP 2603 Main St., penthouse Irvine 92614-6232 Headquarters: Irvine Website: murtaughlaw.com	25 -17%	25 8	45 -6%	1	Civil litigation, business counseling, trust litigation, estate planning, employment counseling	would not disclose	Michael Murtaugh senior partner (949) 794-4000/(949) 794-4099	
43 (43)	Wright, Finlay & Zak LLP 4665 MacArthur Court, Ste. 200 Newport Beach 92660-1811 Headquarters: Newport Beach Website: wrightlegal.net Email: rwright@wrightlegal.net	25 -4%	41 8	51 -12%	6	Litigation services in mortgage banking, loan servicing, real estate, bankruptcy, eviction, general business, real estate transactional	Ocwen Financial Corp., Select Portfolio Servicing Inc., Carrington Mortgage Services LLC, Fay Servicing LLC, R.D. Olson Development	Robin Wright/Robert Finlay managing partner/partner (949) 477-5050/(949) 608-9142	
47 (48)	Brown & Streza LLP 40 Pacifica, 15th Floor Irvine 92618-7471 Headquarters: Irvine Website: brownandstreza.com Email: inquires@brownandstreza.com	24 4%	24 10	82 0%	1	Tax, estate, business, and charitable planning, mergers and acquisitions, business succession planning, estate administration, real estate	would not disclose	David A. Brown/Richard E. Streza/Matt G. Brown founding partner/managing partner/partner (949) 453-2900/(949) 453-2916	
47 (48)	Greenberg Traurig LLP 18565 Jamboree Road, Ste. 500 Irvine 92612-2562 Headquarters: NA Website: gtlaw.com Email: wrmarketing@gtlaw.com	24 4%	2,244 13	39 -3%	40	Corporate, real estate, litigation, IP litigation, consumer class action defense, trademark and brand management, unfair competition, tax, restructuring and bankruptcy, energy	KBS Capital Advisors, The Related Companies LP, Pacific Life Insurance Co., Yamaha Corp. of America, Western Digital Corp., Bank of the West, Sempra	Bruce Fischer/Susan Heller co-managing shareholders, OC office (949) 732-6500/(949) 732-6501	
47 (53)	Irell & Manella LLP 840 Newport Center Drive, Ste. 400 Newport Beach 92660-6324 Headquarters: Los Angeles Website: irell.com Email: info@irell.com	24 14%	67 7	43 8%	2	Intellectual property, complex commercial litigation	would not disclose	Kyle Kawakami managing partner (949) 760-0991/(949) 760-5200	
50 (48)	Grant, Genovese & Baratta LLP 2030 Main St., 16th floor Irvine 92614-7257 Headquarters: Irvine Website: ggb-law.com Email: info@ggb-law.com	22 -4%	22 11	42 -9%	1	Business, real estate, partnership, tort, insurance bad faith, defense/coverage litigation, business/real estate transactions	would not disclose	David C. Grant managing partner (949) 660-1600/(949) 660-6060	
51 (51)	CDF Labor Law LLP⁽³⁾ 18300 Von Karman Ave., Ste. 800 Irvine 92612-1037 Headquarters: Irvine Website: cdflaborlaw.com Email: drausa@cdflaborlaw.com	21 -5%	41 17	42 5%	5	Labor, employment and immigration defense	would not disclose	Marie D. DiSante/Todd R. Wulffson firm managing partner/Orange County office managing partner (949) 622-1661/(949) 622-1669	
51 (58)	One LLP 4000 MacArthur Blvd., East Tower, Ste. 500 Newport Beach 92660-2517 Headquarters: Newport Beach Website: onellp.com	21 17%	31 15	30 0%	5	Intellectual property and technology law including patents, copyrights, trademark and trade secrets; entertainment law; appeals; commercial litigation	Broadcom Inc., Alcatel-Lucent, Caltech, Abbott Laboratories, CoreLogic Inc., Targus	Peter Afrasiabi/Chris Arledge/ John Tehranian founding partners (949) 502-2870/(949) 258-5081	
53 (51)	Bohm Wildish & Matsen LLP 695 Town Center Drive, Ste. 700 Costa Mesa 92626-7187 Headquarters: Costa Mesa Website: bohmwildish.com Email: jbohm@bohmwildish.com	20 -9%	20 9	36 -5%	1	Civil litigation, asset protection, estate planning, construction defect, trust litigation, real estate	would not disclose	James G. Bohm managing partner (714) 384-6500/(714) 384-6501	
53 (56)	Callahan, Thompson, Sherman & Caudill LLP 2601 Main St., Ste. 800 Irvine 92614-4230 Headquarters: Irvine Website: ctsclaw.com Email: apeterson@ctsclaw.com	20 0%	23 10	40 0%	4	Civil litigation, insurance defense, employment, automobile dealership law, restaurant hospitality, tort law, class actions, nonprofits	would not disclose	Robert Thompson/Lee Sherman/ Brandt Caudill/Kathleen Hartman partners (949) 261-2872/(949) 261-6060	
53 (53)	Shook, Hardy & Bacon LLP 5 Park Plaza, Ste. 1600 Irvine 92614-2546 Headquarters: Kansas City, Mo. Website: shb.com Email: hmc michael@shb.com	20 -5%	498 9	34 -11%	16	Product liability; business litigation; intellectual property; class action; environmental/toxic tort; e-discovery; data privacy; regulatory for health, science and tech sectors	Mitsubishi Motors, Boston Scientific Corp., Pfizer Inc.	Eva M. Weiler managing partner (949) 475-1500/(949) 475-0016	
56 (65)	Everett Dorey LLP 18300 Von Karman Ave., Ste. 900 Irvine 92612-1054 Headquarters: Irvine Website: everettdorey.com Email: mfernandez@everettdorey.com	19 19%	19 4	27 8%	3 ⁽⁴⁾	General liability, public entity, catastrophic injuries & wrongful death, chemical exposure, construction, employment, education and accreditation, environmental, gen. liability	AvalonBay, AIG, ASCIP, City of Buena Park, City of Costa Mesa, LADWP, Irvine Company, Honda, IRWD, Leslie's Pool Supply, Travelers, WASC	Seymour Everett/Samantha Dorey/Diana Chao/Christopher Lee managing partner/partners (949) 771-9233/(949) 377-3110	
56 (58)	TLD Law 2010 Main St., Ste. 1000 Irvine 92614-7229 Headquarters: Irvine Website: tldlaw.com Email: losborne@tldlaw.com	19 6%	19 8	34 48%	4	Employment law, corporate transactional, family law, estate planning	would not disclose	Shannon M. Jenkins managing partner (949) 756-0684/(866) 298-9254	
58 (65)	AlvaradoSmith 1 MacArthur Place, Ste. 200 Santa Ana 92707-5941 Headquarters: Santa Ana Website: alvaradosmith.com Email: rsmith@alvaradosmith.com	18 13%	27 8	26 -10%	3	Financial institution litigation, real estate, environmental, business and corporate transactions, employment, public law, complex litigation, intellectual property, international	Southern California Edison, Netflix, Restoration Hardware, American Honda Finance, and Shell Oil Co.	Ruben A. Smith managing shareholder (714) 852-6800/(714) 852-6899	
58 (61)	Brown Rudnick LLP 2211 Michelson Drive, seventh floor Irvine 92612-1384 Headquarters: Boston Website: brownrudnick.com	18 6%	251 8	31 -3%	8	Commercial litigation, bankruptcy and corporate restructuring, corporate/M&A, IP litigation, funds, government relations, life sciences, white collar	Tejon Ranch Company; Justice Trotter, Trustee of Fire Victim Trust of PG and Official Creditors Committee and Liquidating Trust of Jagged Peak Inc.	Ronald Rus partner (949) 752-7100/(949) 252-1514	

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58 (61)	Musick, Peeler & Garrett LLP 650 Town Center Drive, Ste. 1200 Costa Mesa 92626-1925 Headquarters: Los Angeles Website: musickpeeler.com	18 6%	91 14	32 14%	5	Litigation, coverage, labor/employment, academic institutions, construction, real estate, corporate, trusts/estates, tax, environmental, intellectual property	would not disclose	Sandra S. Wetzel partner (714) 668-2400/(714) 668-2490	
58 (58)	Prenovost, Normandin, Dawe & Rocha 2122 N. Broadway, Ste. 200 Santa Ana 92706-2614 Headquarters: Santa Ana Website: pnbd.com Email: tprenovost@pnbd.com	18 0%	18 4	43 2%	2	Civil, commercial, banking, real estate, law/litigation, construction, automobile, bankruptcy, estate planning, corporate	Thompson Building Materials Inc., AIG Insurance, Pacific Western Bank, Tuttle-Click Automotive Group, SchoolsFirst Credit Union	Thomas Prenovost Jr./Tom Roddy Normandin co-managing principals (714) 547-2444/(714) 835-2889	
58 (76)	Wesierski & Zurek LLP 29 Orchard Road Lake Forest 92630-8300 Headquarters: Lake Forest Website: wzlpl.com Email: cwesierski@wzlpl.com	18 29%	32 3	41 8%	2	Business litigation, products, employment defense	City of Newport Beach, County of Orange, Joint Powers, Marriott International Inc., Mexi-Grill dba Javiers Cantina & Grill, Olen Properties	Christopher P. Wesierski managing senior partner (949) 975-1000/(949) 756-0517	
63 (61)	Cox, Castle & Nicholson LLP 3121 Michelson Drive, Ste. 200 Irvine 92612-5678 Headquarters: Los Angeles Website: coxcastle.com Email: ahill@coxcastle.com	17 0%	127 11	27 0%	3	Real estate, corporate, finance, private equity, environmental, litigation, tax, labor and employment, healthcare, bankruptcy	LBA Realty, Bixby Land Company, Tarsadia Hotels, Birtcher Development, KBS Realty Advisors, Montage Hotel and Resorts, Sares Regis Group	Julian Freeman/David Wensley/ Sean Matsler partners (949) 260-4600/(949) 260-4699	
63 (46)	Robinson Calcagnie Inc. 19 Corporate Plaza Drive Newport Beach 92660-7904 Headquarters: Newport Beach Website: robinsonfirm.com Email: inquiry@robinsonfirm.com	17 -29%	17 9	46 -16%	1	Products liability, personal injury, mass torts	would not disclose	Mark P. Robinson Jr. senior partner (949) 720-1288/(949) 720-1292	

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63	Shulman Bastian Friedman & Bui LLP 100 Spectrum Center Drive, Ste. 600 Irvine 92618-3094 Headquarters: Irvine Website: shulmanbastian.com Email: info@shulmanbastian.com		17 0%	18 12	33 10%	2	Commercial litigation, bankruptcy, real estate/corporate transactions	would not disclose	Leonard Shulman managing partner (949) 340-3400/(949) 340-3000	
66	Hart King 4 Hutton Centre Drive, Ste. 900 Santa Ana 92707-8713 Headquarters: Santa Ana Website: hartkinglaw.com Email: inquiry@hartkinglaw.com		16 0%	16 6	32 0%	1	Real estate, business litigation, manufactured housing law, construction litigation	would not disclose	John Pentecost/Andrew Kienle shareholder/managing partner (714) 432-8700/(714) 546-7457	
66	Manning & Kass, Ellrod, Ramirez, Trester LLP 19800 MacArthur Blvd., Ste. 900 Irvine 92612-2438 Headquarters: Los Angeles Website: manningllp.com Email: info@manningllp.com		16 14%	147 7	24 -38%	NA	ADA compliance litigation, business litigation, construction defect, employment law, governmental entity liability, intellectual property, premises liability, workers' compensation	would not disclose	Brian T. Moss managing partner (949) 440-6690/(949) 474-6991	
66	Wood Smith Henning & Berman LLP 6A Liberty St., Ste. 200 Aliso Viejo 92656-3829 Headquarters: Los Angeles Website: wshblaw.com Email: dberman@wshblaw.com		16 0%	325 5	25 -17%	29	Commercial litigation, employment, environmental, professional malpractice, real estate, construction, products liability, toxic torts, transportation	would not disclose	Sam L. McDermott managing partner, Orange County office (949) 757-4500/(949) 757-4550	
69	Geraci LLP 90 Discovery Irvine 92618-3105 Headquarters: Irvine Website: geracilawfirm.com Email: marketing@geracillp.com		15 0%	16 6	29 -42%	1	Banking and finance, corporate and securities, litigation	would not disclose	Anthony Geraci/Kevin Kim/Nema Daghdandan CEO, partner/partner/partner (949) 379-2600	
69	Minyard Morris 1811 Quail St. Newport Beach 92660-2323 Headquarters: Newport Beach Website: minyardmorris.com Email: info@minyardmorris.com		15 -12%	15 4	29 0%	1	Family law	would not disclose	Mark E. Minyard managing partner (949) 724-1111/(949) 724-1117	
69	Samuelson, Gonzalez, Valenzuela & Brown LLP 3501 Jamboree Road, Ste. 602 Newport Beach 92660-2945 Headquarters: NA Website: sgvlaw.com Email: bgallardo@sgvlaw.com		15 -6%	40 11	38 -12%	8	Workers' compensation defense	would not disclose	Harvey S. Brown/Daniel F. Valenzuela/Nancy J. Brown managing partners/partner (949) 252-1300/(949) 252-1399	
69	Schumann Rosenberg & Arevalo LLP 3100 Bristol St., Ste. 100 Costa Mesa 92626-7330 Headquarters: Costa Mesa Website: schumannrosenberg.com Email: singleton@schumannrosenberg.com		15 15%	15 4	26 8%	5	Insurance defense, business litigation, civil litigation, collection law, appellate law, medicare law/set aside, transportation law, products liability and defamation	would not disclose	Kim Schumann/Eric Arevalo managing partner/partner (714) 850-0210/(714) 850-0551	
69	Umberg/Zipser LLP 1920 Main St., Ste. 750 Irvine 92614-7262 Headquarters: Irvine Website: umbergzipser.com Email: dzipser@umbergzipser.com		15 15%	15 11	26 13%	1	Business litigation, intellectual property, lawyer liability and legal ethics, government and regulatory, class actions	Allergan PLC, Aqua Metals, Banc of California, NantWorks LLC, Nevakar, Smashburger	Dean J. Zipser managing partner (949) 679-0052/(949) 679-0461	
74	Cummins & White LLP 2424 SE Bristol St., Ste. 300 Newport Beach 92660-0764 Headquarters: Newport Beach Website: cumminsandwhite.com Email: cwmarketing@cwlawyers.com		14 -13%	14 7	33 -8%	1	Business transactions, business litigation, insurance defense, real estate, tax and estate planning, labor and employment	would not disclose	Fred M. Whitaker/Erick J. Becker/Robert J. Lamm managing partner/senior partner/senior partner (949) 852-1800/(949) 852-8510	
74	Dorsey & Whitney LLP 600 Anton Blvd., Ste. 2000 Costa Mesa 92626-7655 Headquarters: Minneapolis Website: dorsey.com Email: social@dorsey.com		14 -33%	552 8	26 -28%	19	International arbitration and litigation, commercial litigation, labor and employment, securities and financial services	would not disclose	Faisal Zubairi Southern California office head (714) 800-1400/(714) 800-1499	
74	FitzGerald Yap Kreditor LLP 2 Park Plaza, Ste. 850 Irvine 92614-2521 Headquarters: Irvine Website: fyklaw.com Email: info@fyklaw.com		14 -7%	15 7	24 -4%	1	Business, litigation, securities, commercial real estate, estate planning, asset protection, tax and probate, land-use, trademarks, constructions	would not disclose	Eoin L. Kreditor/Michael J. Fitzgerald senior partners (949) 788-8900/(949) 788-8980	
77	Keller/Anderle LLP 18300 Von Karman Ave., Ste. 930 Irvine 92612-1057 Headquarters: Irvine Website: kelleranderle.com Email: info@kelleranderle.com		13 -13%	13 5	17 -11%	1	Bet-the-company business trial lawyers	Microsoft Corp., Western Digital Corp., MGA, Henry Nicholas, CashCall, AIG, Mass Mutual	Kay Anderle managing partner (949) 476-8700/(949) 476-0900	
77	Michelman & Robinson LLP 17901 Von Karman Ave., 10th floor Irvine 92614-6297 Headquarters: Los Angeles Website: mrlip.com Email: pzimmerman@mrlip.com		13 30%	73 4	26 30%	5	Advertising/digital media, banking/finance, class action/complex litigation, commercial/business litigation, cybersecurity, labor/employment, intellectual property	Aecom, AIG, Freeway Inc., Careismatic Brands Inc., Confie Saguaros Holding Co., Lawyers Title Inc., Sierra Corporate Management, Wells Fargo & Co.	Mona Z. Hanna/Todd H. Stitt/ Jeffrey D. Farrow office managing partner/partner/ partner (714) 557-7990/(714) 557-7991	
79	Baker & Hostetler LLP 600 Anton Blvd., Ste. 900 Costa Mesa 92626-7221 Headquarters: Cleveland Website: bakerlaw.com Email: gmooradian@bakerlaw.com		12 -20%	973 9	27 -16%	17	Corporate, employment, estate planning, intellectual property, litigation, tax, real estate	would not disclose	George T. Mooradian partner-in-charge (714) 754-6600/(714) 754-6611	





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79 (83)	Fragomen 18401 Von Karman Ave., Ste 255 Irvine 92612-1596 Headquarters: New York Website: fragomen.com Email: irvineinfo@fragomen.com	12 0%	640 3	75 -6%	58	Business immigration law	would not disclose	Mitchell L. Wexler/James Pack/ Blake G. Miller managing partner/partner/ partner (949) 261-0209/(949) 261-2821	
79 (57)	Kring & Chung LLP 38 Corporate Park Irvine 92606-5105 Headquarters: Irvine Website: kringandchung.com Email: info@kringandchung.com	12 9%	16 3	28 -22%	3	Business litigation, employment law, real estate, construction, insurance, corporate, intellectual property, personal injury, estate planning, product liability	would not disclose	Kyle Kring/Kenneth Chung managing partners (949) 261-7700/(949) 261-8800	
79 (79)	Stuart Kane LLP 620 Newport Center Drive, Ste. 200 Newport Beach 92660-8002 Headquarters: Newport Beach Website: stuartkane.com Email: stuartkanellp@stuartkane.com	12 ⁽⁵⁾ NA	13 ⁽⁵⁾ 9 ⁽⁵⁾	27 ⁽⁵⁾ NA	1	Real estate, labor and employment, business litigation, finance, corporate, joint ventures	would not disclose	Bruce C. Stuart/Robert J. Kane/ Josh C. Grushkin executive committee (949) 791-5100/(949) 791-5200	
83 (85)	Sessions & Kimball LLP 23456 Madero, Ste. 170 Mission Viejo 92691-7913 Headquarters: Mission Viejo Website: job-law.com Email: info@job-law.com	11 0%	11 5	21 5%	1	Employee rights	would not disclose	Don D. Sessions/Stephen C. Kimball partners (949) 380-0900/(949) 380-8283	
83 (85)	Vogt, Resnick & Sherak LLP 4400 MacArthur Blvd., Ste. 900 Newport Beach 92660-2031 Headquarters: Newport Beach Website: vrslaw.net Email: law@vrslaw.net	11 0%	11 6	25 0%	2	Business transactional and litigation, trust and estates litigation, estate planning, tax, real estate, and intellectual property	would not disclose	Barnet Resnick/David Sherak/ Jeffrey Resnick partners (949) 851-9001/(949) 833-3445	











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83 (85)	Watt, Tieder, Hoffar & Fitzgerald LLP 4 Park Plaza, Ste. 1000 Irvine 92614-2552 Headquarters: McLean, Va. Website: watttieder.com Email: contactus@watttieder.com		11 ⁽⁵⁾ NA	52 ⁽⁵⁾ 10 ⁽⁵⁾	19 ⁽⁵⁾ NA	5	Construction law, international construction, surety, government contracts, real property, trade secret misappropriation, unfair competition	AECOM, Hensel Phelps, Kiewit Corp., Liberty Mutual Insurance, PCL Inc., Travelers Insurance Co.	David F. McPherson managing partner (949) 852-6700/(949) 261-0771	
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