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These Firms Are The 2025 Prestige Leaders

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Law360 (October 21, 2025, 2:01 PM EDT) -- The things that make a law firm prestigious today aren't what they once were. While legacy and longevity still carry weight, elite status is now increasingly shaped by a broader mix of factors, ranging from agility and profitability to the ability to compete for the very best lawyers and clients.

Lateral hiring, cultural shifts and rising client demands are rewriting the rules of what it means to be at the top, opening the door for ambitious challengers to climb the ranks while testing whether traditional leaders can hold their ground.

In this ranking, we see which firms continue to lead even as industry standards evolve. Our comprehensive index consists of four pillars: financial success, reputation among attorneys, awards won by the firm and its talent, and positive representation in the media.

Here are the top 100 firms that the industry recognizes for their prominence, power and distinction.

For a more detailed description of the calculations we used to assess prestige, download our methodology document.

As the industry continues to change, so too will our rankings. We welcome feedback from readers on how we can sharpen our analysis, always keeping in mind these questions: Does this firm have an edge in attracting clients and talent? Does it carry a reputation that sets it apart from its peers?

Setting the Bar for Prestige

Here we rank law firms on four indicators of a prestigious firm. The overall score of the top 100 firms is shown, along with a breakdown of how each firm scored over the past year on financial performance,

desirability to attorneys and law students, Law360 editorial awards won, and the number of positive legal media mentions.



Note: Asterisks are appended to scores that used any estimates during calculation. Rankings are based on overall scores before rounding. Firms that combined on or after Jan. 1, 2025 are treated as separate entities for the purposes of this ranking.

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