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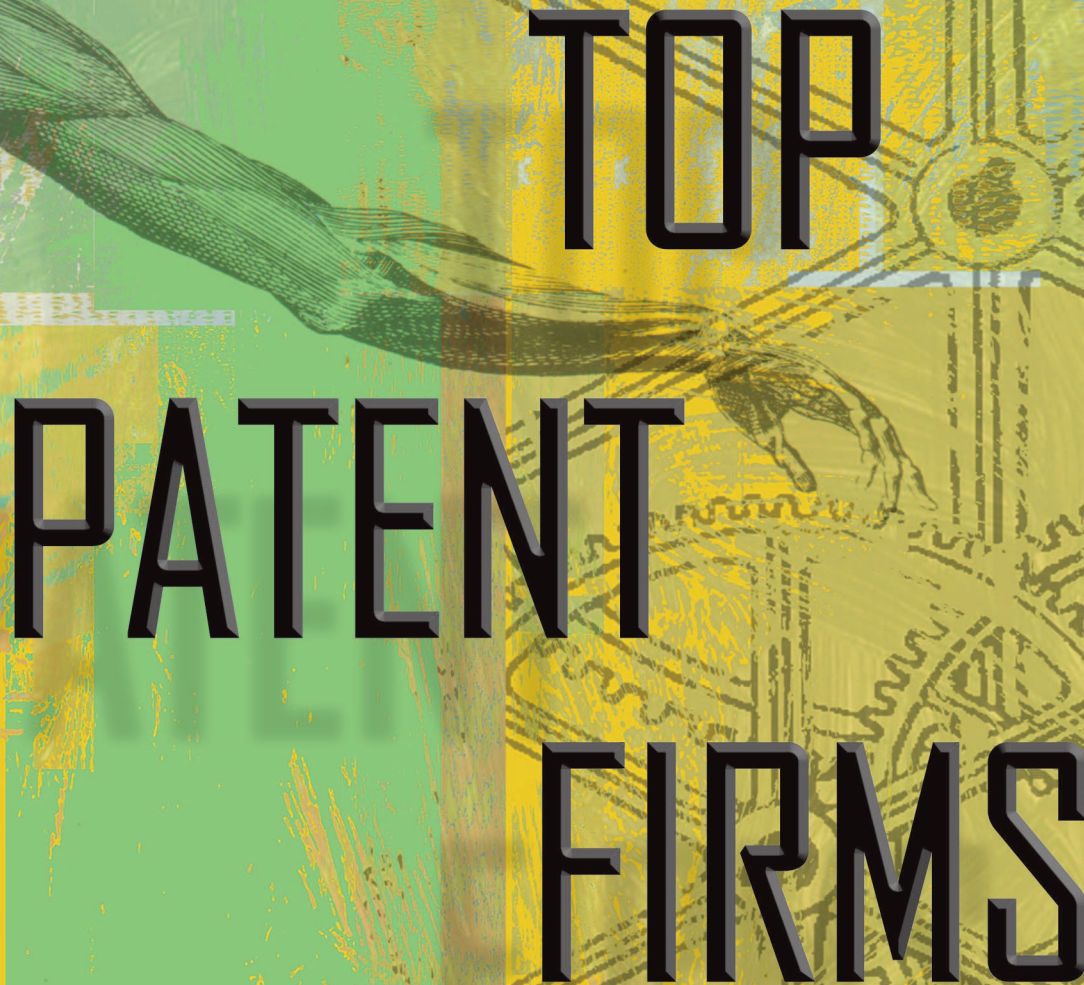
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RANK	NAME	CITY / STATE	2003	2002	2001	DESIGN	UTILITY	PLANT	AVG	% CHANGE	ATTY	AGTS
1	<b>Oblon Spivak McClelland Maier &amp; Neustadt</b>	<b>Alexandria, VA</b>	<b>3387</b>	<b>3462</b>	<b>3380</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>3298</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3409.7</b>	<b>-2.2%</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>13</b>
2	Sughrue Mion Zinn Macpeak & Seas	Washington, DC	3380	3317	3365	n/p	n/p	n/p	3354.0	1.9%	95	3
3	Birch Stewart Kolasch & Birch	Falls Church, VA	2685	2568	2191	177	2508	0	2481.3	4.6%	58	8
4	Oliff & Berridge	Alexandria, VA	2085	1895	1743	102	1983	0	1907.7	10.0%	41	3
5	Fitzpatrick Cella Harper & Scinto	New York, NY	2063	1930	2037	116	1947	0	2010.0	6.9%	91	0
6	Nixon & Vanderhye	Arlington, VA	1963	2206	2068	129	1834	0	2079.0	-11.0%	35	1
7	Burns Doane Swecker & Mathis	Alexandria, VA	1893	2073	2214	97	1747	49	2060.0	-8.7%	73	5
8	Foley & Lardner		1848	1893	2001	82	1688	78	1914.0	-2.4%	115	5
9	Blakely Sokoloff Taylor & Zafman	Los Angeles, CA	1767	1526	1539	39	1728	0	1610.7	15.8%	71	6
10	Fish & Richardson		1538	1333	1385	51	1487	0	1418.7	15.4%	150	30
11	Finnegan Henderson Farabow Garrett & Dunner	Washington, DC	1519	1721	1729	44	1488	0	1656.3	-11.7%	220	17
12	McDermott Will & Emery <sup>1</sup>	Chicago, IL	1482	1534	1579	22	1460	0	1531.7	-3.4%	84	6
13	Antonelli Terry Stout & Kraus	Arlington, VA	1423	1303	1148	22	1401	0	1291.3	9.2%	16	1
14	Merchant & Gould	Minneapolis, MN	1360	1332	1019	173	1186	1	1237.0	2.1%	85	0
15	Townsend & Townsend & Crew	San Francisco, CA	1234	1301	1374	68	1165	1	1303.0	-5.1%	77	6
16	Knobbe Martens Olson & Bear		1169	1123	937	101	1031	35	1076.3	4.1%	n/p	n/p
17	Kenyon & Kenyon	New York, NY	1168	1064	1123	10	1158	0	1118.3	9.8%	143	0
18	Harness Dickey & Pierce	Troy, MI	1142	907	686	70	1072	0	911.7	25.9%	79	5
19	Young & Thompson	Arlington, VA	1062	1177	1064	106	956	0	1101.0	-9.8%	n/p	n/p
20	Pillsbury Winthrop	McLean, VA	1051	1328	1749	31	1020	0	1376.0	-20.9%	72	11
21	Lerner & Greenberg	Hollywood, FL	1034	821	713	35	999	0	856.0	25.9%	9	4
22	Darby & Darby	New York, NY	1023	1108	980	119	904	0	1037.0	-7.7%	58	12
23	Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione	Chicago, IL	971	1117	1204	90	881	0	1097.3	-13.1%	130	6
24	Crowell & Moring	Washington, DC	921	1007	1129	120	801	0	1019.0	-8.5%	21	0
25	Wenderoth Lind & Ponack	Washington, DC	906	1066	1087	29	877	0	1019.7	-15.0%	14	0
26	Jones Day	Cleveland, OH	894	n/p	n/p	78	816	0	n/a	n/a	216	11
27	Rader Fishman & Grauer	Bloomfield Hills, MI	869	957	915	214	655	0	913.7	-9.2%	28	5
28	Banner & Witcoff		861	812	712	276	585	0	795.0	6.0%	82	5
29	Staas & Halsey	Washington, DC	830	767	799	15	814	1	798.7	8.2%	34	2
30	Baker Botts	Houston, TX	826	780	823	58	768	0	809.7	5.9%	85	4
31	Morgan Lewis & Bockius	Philadelphia, PA	777	702	586	16	761	0	688.3	10.7%	78	11
32	Nixon Peabody		754	731	n/p	28	726	0	742.5	3.1%	25	5
33	Schwegman Lundberg Woessner & Kluth	Minneapolis, MN	747	n/p	n/p	9	738	0	n/a	n/a	51	1
34	Dickstein Shapiro Morin & Oshinsky	Washington, DC	723	599	512	29	644	0	611.3	20.7%	48	0
35	Cooper & Dunham	New York, NY	710	n/p	n/p	28	682	0	n/a	n/a	39	0
36	Greenblum & Bernstein	Reston, VA	698	808	742	37	661	0	749.3	-13.6%	30	2
37	Leydig Voit & Mayer	Chicago, IL	660	735	697	70	590	0	697.3	-10.2%	n/p	n/p
38	Bacon & Thomas	Alexandria, VA	659	747	844	114	545	0	750.0	-11.8%	10	1
39	Cantor Colburn	Bloomfield, CT	656	563	391	57	599	0	536.7	16.5%	36	5
40	Browdy & Neimark	Washington, DC	654	600	570	55	599	0	608.0	9.0%	6	1
41	Ladas & Parry	New York, NY	630	614	568	n/p	n/p	n/p	604.0	2.6%	n/p	n/p
42	Morrison & Foerster	Palo Alto, CA	629	620	534	0	629	0	594.3	1.5%	61	11
43	Smith Gambrell & Russell	Washington, DC	622	n/p	n/p	14	608	0	n/a	n/a	25	1
44	Marshall Gerstein & Borun	Chicago, IL	616	574	655	106	510	0	615.0	7.3%	64	7
45	Dorsey & Whitney	Minneapolis, MN	608	716	457	56	552	0	593.7	-15.1%	62	1
46	Scully Scott Murphy & Presser	Garden City, NY	583	518	540	24	559	0	547.0	12.5%	27	3
47	Jacobson Holman PLLC	Washington, DC	572	665	685	52	520	0	640.7	-14.0%	14	1
48	Katten Muchin Zavis Rosenman	Chicago, IL	545	527	n/p	22	523	0	536.0	3.4%	20	2
49	Frishauf Holtz Goodman & Chick	New York, NY	520	n/p	571	38	482	0	545.5	n/a	6	1
50	Troxell Law Office	Falls Church, VA	510	493	462	388	122	0	488.3	3.4%	2	0
51	Bracewell & Patterson	Houston, TX	497	592	647	14	483	0	578.7	-16.0%	18	1
51	Venable LLP	Washington, DC	497	584	692	36	461	0	591.0	-14.9%	32	4
53	Seed I.P. Law Group	Seattle, WA	494	501	447	51	443	0	480.7	-1.4%	n/a	n/p
54	Barnes & Thornburg <sup>2</sup>	Indianapolis, IN	493	531	272	36	457	0	432.0	-7.2%	42	2
55	Myers Bigel Sibley & Sajovec	Raleigh, NC	488	476	555	11	477	0	506.3	2.5%	29	0
56	Fulbright & Jaworski	Houston, TX	475	678	646	17	456	2	599.7	-29.9%	88	9
57	Hogan & Hartson	Washington, DC	474	427	420	29	445	0	440.3	11.0%	42	3
58	Ostrolenk Faber Gerb & Soffen	New York, NY	468	666	870	38	430	0	668.0	-29.7%	18	0
59	Michael Best & Friedrich	Milwaukee, WI	467	491	527	74	393	0	495.0	-4.9%	62	0
60	Trask Britt	Salt Lake City, UT	457	430	407	25	432	0	431.3	6.3%	23	3
61	Connolly Bove Lodge & Hutz	Wilmington, DE	452	619	656	7	445	0	575.7	-27.0%	47	4
62	Alston & Bird		449	493	469	38	411	0	470.3	-8.9%	83	4