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The list this year is comprised of 357 law firms. Thank you to all who participated.

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RANK	NAME	PATENTS ISSUED			BY TYPE - 2002			AVG. 00-02	% CHG. 01-02	# PAT. ATTYS	# PAT. AGENTS
		2002	2001	2000	DESIGN	UTILITY	PLANT				
1	Oblon Spivak McClelland Maier & Neustadt	3462	3380	3255	91	3371	0	3365.7	2.4%	57	11
2	Sughrue Mion Zinn Macpeak & Seas	3317	3365	3055	n/p	n/p	n/p	3245.7	-1.4%	101	1
3	Birch Stewart Kolasch & Birch	2568	2191	2029	150	2414	4	2262.7	17.2%	45	13
4	Burns Doane Swecker & Mathis	2073	2214	2240	101	1839	133	2175.7	-6.4%	n/p	n/p
5	Fitzpatrick Cella Harper & Scinto	1930	2037	2039	87	1841	2	2002.0	-5.3%	81	0
6	Oliff & Berridge	1895	1743	1382	75	1820	0	1673.3	8.7%	39	8
7	Foley & Lardner	1893	2001	1852	80	1694	116	1915.3	-5.4%	140	5
8	Nixon & Vanderhye	1734	1575	1397	95	1639	0	1568.7	10.1%	31	1
9	McDermott Will & Emery	1534	1579	1530	38	1496	0	1547.7	-2.8%	n/p	n/p
10	Blakely Sokoloff Taylor & Zafman	1384	1389	1369	22	1362	0	1380.7	-0.4%	79	3
11	Fish & Richardson	1346	1385	1302	60	1285	1	1344.3	-2.8%	144	12
12	Merchant & Gould	1332	1651	1205	104	1228	0	1396.0	-19.3%	n/p	n/p
13	Pillsbury Winthrop	1328	1749	1934	n/p	n/p	n/p	1670.3	-24.1%	n/p	n/p
14	Armstrong Westerman & Hattori	1312	1214	1086	26	1283	3	1204.0	8.1%	28	3
15	Antonelli Terry Stout & Kraus	1303	n/p	n/p	n/p	n/p	n/p	n/a	n/a	n/p	n/p
16	Young & Thompson	1177	1064	990	102	1075	0	1077.0	10.6%	n/p	n/p
17	Knobbe Martens Olson & Bear	1123	937	941	107	1008	8	1000.3	19.9%	96	16
18	Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione	1117	1204	1103	n/p	n/p	n/p	1141.3	-7.2%	108	4
19	Kenyan & Kenyon	1064	1123	1029	9	1055	0	1072.0	-5.3%	146	0
20	Wenderoth Lind & Ponack	1061	1087	904	42	1019	0	1017.3	-2.4%	14	0
21	Crowell & Moring ¹	1007	1129	972	121	886	0	1036.0	-10.8%	18	0
22	Darby & Darby	1006	1005	916	132	874	0	975.7	0.1%	n/p	n/p
23	Rader Fishman & Grauer	923	819	730	222	701	0	824.0	12.7%	37	6
24	Harness Dickey & Pierce	905	693	777	63	842	0	791.7	30.6%	85	6
25	Lerner & Greenberg	841	713	633	15	826	0	729.0	18.0%	8	4
26	Greenblum & Bernstein	808	742	666	n/p	n/p	n/p	738.7	8.9%	n/p	n/p
27	Baker & Botts	780	823	870	31	749	0	824.3	-5.2%	82	7
28	Ladas & Parry	752	738	684	n/p	n/p	n/p	724.7	1.9%	n/p	n/p
29	Pennie & Edmonds	750	893	878	55	690	5	840.3	-16.0%	168	2
30	Bacon & Thomas	747	844	755	n/p	n/p	n/p	782.0	-11.5%	n/p	n/p
31	Dorsey & Whitney	716	457	385	81	634	1	519.3	56.7%	79	6
32	Morgan Lewis & Bockius	702	586	547	12	686	4	611.7	19.8%	59	13
33	Leydig Voit & Mayer	687	667	559	n/p	n/p	n/p	637.7	3.0%	n/p	n/p
34	Fulbright & Jaworski	678	646	530	28	649	1	618.0	5.0%	80	11
35	Ostrolenk Faber Gerb & Soffen	666	870	966	37	629	0	834.0	-23.4%	16	0
36	Jacobson Holman PLLC	663	775	739	n/p	n/p	n/p	725.7	-14.5%	n/p	n/p
37	Frommer Lawrence & Haug	625	515	528	n/p	n/p	n/p	556.0	21.4%	n/p	n/p
38	Morrison & Foerster	620	534	480	0	620	0	544.7	16.1%	69	10
39	Connolly Bove Lodge & Hutz	619	656	730	15	604	0	668.3	-5.6%	35	5
40	Browdy & Neimark	609	573	591	56	553	0	591.0	6.3%	7	1
41	Dickstein Shapiro Morin & Oshinsky	597	259	201	0	259	0	352.3	130.5%	44	0
42	Bracewell & Patterson	592	647	504	12	580	0	581.0	-8.5%	18	1
43	Venable Law Firm	584	692	591	34	550	0	622.3	-15.6%	31	5
44	George O. Saile & Associates	571	673	535	0	571	0	593.0	-15.2%	9	7
45	Marshall O'Toole & Borun	565	639	689	51	514	0	631.0	-11.6%	72	4
46	Cantor Colburn	563	391	253	56	507	0	402.3	44.0%	27	6
47	Christie Parker & Hale	537	598	596	43	457	37	577.0	-10.2%	50	0
47	Skjerven Morrill MacPherson Franklin & Friel	537	n/p	n/p	n/p	n/p	n/p	n/a	n/a	n/p	n/p
49	Barnes & Thornburg ²	531	272	321	38	493	0	374.7	95.2%	47	1
50	Katten Muchin Zavis Rosenman	527	271	59	22	505	0	285.7	94.5%	24	1
51	Scully Scott Murphy & Presser	518	540	417	23	495	0	491.7	-4.1%	21	3
52	Seed I.P. Law Group	516	465	401	37	479	0	460.7	11.0%	27	5
53	Michael Best & Friedrich	505	485	232	97	408	0	407.3	4.1%	62	7
54	Jenkins & Gilchrist	498	504	516	84	414	0	506.0	-1.2%	52	3
55	Ratner & Prestia	495	484	474	11	483	1	484.3	2.3%	n/p	n/p
56	Alston & Bird	493	469	479	18	475	0	480.3	5.1%	78	3
56	Troxell Law Office	493	n/p	n/p	103	390	0	n/a	n/a	2	0
58	Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld	491	611	602	51	440	0	568.0	-19.6%	n/p	n/p
59	Fay Sharpe Fagan Minnick & McKee	480	369	344	45	435	0	397.7	30.1%	n/p	n/p
60	Myers Bigel Sibley & Sojovec	476	555	498	12	543	0	509.7	-14.2%	26	0

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61	Brooks & Kushman	460	644	631	n/p	n/p	n/p	578.3	-28.6%	n/p	n/p
62	Woodcock Washburn Kurtz Mackiewicz & Norris	451	454	412	n/p	n/p	n/p	439.0	-0.7%	n/p	n/p
63	Trask Britt	430	n/p	362	n/p	n/p	n/p	264.0	n/a	n/p	n/p
64	Mattingly Stanger & Malur	428	338	276	n/p	n/p	n/p	347.3	26.6%	n/p	n/p
65	Hogan & Hartson	427	420	348	19	408	0	398.3	1.7%	43	4
66	Kilpatrick Stockton	419	551	519	35	384	0	496.3	-24.0%	60	0
67	Millen White Zelano & Branigan	418	425	419	0	418	0	420.7	-1.6%	12	2
68	Beyer Weaver & Thomas	414	350	283	4	410	0	349.0	18.3%	23	5
69	Chapman & Cutler	412	388	385	n/p	n/p	n/p	395.0	6.2%	30	3
70	Wells St. John Roberts Gregory & Matkin	408	425	377	14	383	11	403.3	-4.0%	13	0
71	Allen Dyer Doppelt Milbrath & Gilchrist	391	351	295	11	380	0	345.7	11.4%	12	2
72	McGinn & Gibb	386	386	312	5	381	0	361.3	no change	9	0
73	Cohen Pontani Lieberman & Pavane	383	329	354	14	369	0	355.3	16.4%	23	0
74	Thomas Kayden Horstemeyer & Risley	376	518	483	56	320	0	459.0	-27.4%	38	5
75	Keil & Weinkauff	367	438	379	n/p	n/p	n/p	394.7	-16.2%	11	2
76	Christensen O'Connor Johnson & Kindness	363	422	414	89	274	0	399.7	-14.0%	38	1
77	Perman & Green	360	375	369	20	340	0	368.0	-4.0%	10	0
77	Reed Smith	360	250	318	14	346	0	309.3	44.0%	40	4
79	Lowe Hauptman Gilman & Berner	359	324	250	10	349	0	311.0	10.8%	7	1
80	McDannell Boehnen Hulbert & Berghoff	346	350	254	9	337	0	316.7	-1.1%	52	9
81	Hamilton Brook Smith & Reynolds	345	380	328	4	341	0	351.0	-9.2%	37	4
82	Smith Gambrell & Russell	339	n/p	413	13	325	1	376.0	n/a	14	2
83	Quarles & Brady	336	359	314	46	290	0	336.3	-6.4%	21	1
84	Workman Nydegger & Seeley	334	343	269	10	324	0	315.3	-2.6%	34	0
85	Rothwell Figg Ernst & Manbeck	333	357	311	25	303	5	333.7	-6.7%	26	0
86	Schiff Hardin & Waite	320	465	31	18	302	0	272.0	-31.2%	10	0
87	Oppenheimer Wolff & Donnelly	319	401	332	39	280	0	350.7	-20.4%	37	3
88	Edwards & Angell	316	292	308	n/p	n/p	n/p	305.3	8.2%	n/p	n/p
88	Karl F Ross P.C.	316	310	296	n/p	n/p	n/p	307.3	1.9%	n/p	n/p
90	R E Bushnell & Law Firm	314	427	420	2	312	0	387.0	-26.5%	8	1
91	Meyertons Hood Kivlin Kowert & Goetzel ³	312	n/a	n/a	0	312	0	104.0	n/a	11	11
92	Wood Herron & Evans	308	418	413	33	275	0	379.7	-26.3%	39	0
93	Greer Burns & Crain	307	238	265	37	270	0	270.0	29.0%	18	1
93	Duane Morris	307	443	n/p	n/p	n/p	n/p	375.0	-30.7%	n/p	n/p
93	Sterne Kessler Goldstein & Fox	307	n/p	288	n/p	n/p	n/p	297.5	n/a	n/p	n/p
96	Renner Otto Boisselle & Sklar	303	342	277	6	296	1	307.3	-11.4%	n/p	n/p
97	Webb Ziesenheim Logsdon Orkin & Hanson	301	n/p	280	28	230	43	290.5	n/a	28	3
98	Fitch Even Tabin & Flannery	291	303	248	n/p	n/p	n/p	280.7	-4.0%	n/p	n/p
99	Collard & Roe & Nolte Nolte & Hunter	290	299	250	20	270	0	279.7	-3.0%	12	1
100	Moser Patterson & Sheridan	289	253	153	1	288	0	231.7	14.2%	44	6
101	Woodard Emhardt Naughton Moriarty & McNett	280	n/p	308	31	248	1	294.0	n/a	40	0
102	Gifford Krass Grah Sprinkle Patmore Anderson & Citkowski	275	210	230	44	231	0	238.3	31.0%	15	2
103	Armstrong Teasdale	266	182	n/p	2	264	0	224.0	46.2%	14	1
103	Sidley Austin Brown & Wood	266	263	301	23	243	0	276.7	1.1%	42	6
105	Flynn Thiel Boutell & Tanis	263	260	283	28	235	0	268.7	1.2%	11	0
106	Snell & Wilmer ⁴	256	148	106	28	228	0	170.0	73.0%	26	0
107	Gray Cary Ware & Freidenrich	254	375	517	n/p	n/p	n/p	382.0	-32.3%	39	1
107	Senniger Powers Leavitt & Roedel	254	246	216	26	228	0	238.7	3.3%	33	1
109	Cook Alex McFarron Manzo Cummings & Mehler	252	180	150	58	194	0	194.0	40.0%	19	1
110	Dykema Gossett	251	296	233	36	215	0	260.0	-15.2%	14	1
111	Jones Day Reavis & Pogue	248	163	153	30	218	0	188.0	52.1%	n/p	n/p
112	Eckert Seamans Cherin & Mellott	242	262	285	10	232	0	263.0	-7.6%	12	0
113	Adams & Wilks	241	197	176	n/p	n/p	n/p	204.7	22.3%	n/p	n/p
114	Larson & Taylor	229	281	240	18	211	0	250.0	-18.5%	6	0
115	Bell Boyd & Lloyd	225	196	100	12	213	0	173.7	14.8%	30	1
115	Nath & Associates	225	242	169	n/p	n/p	n/p	212.0	-7.0%	n/p	n/p
117	Fish & Neave	223	216	232	9	214	0	223.7	3.2%	88	44
117	Marger Johnson & McCollom	223	209	193	8	215	0	208.3	6.7%	18	0
117	Norris McLaughlin & Marcus	223	267	185	8	215	0	225.0	-16.5%	11	1
120	Ohlandt Greeley Ruggiero & Perle	221	188	193	49	172	0	200.7	17.6%	21	1
121	Conley Rose & Tayon	219	540	555	n/p	n/p	n/p	438.0	-59.4%	n/p	n/p
122	Testa Hurwitz & Thibault	215	220	219	16	199	0	218.0	-2.3%	40	3