

BTI Litigation Outlook 2026: **More Contentious. More Complex. More Spending.**

Changes, Trends, and Opportunities For Law Firms

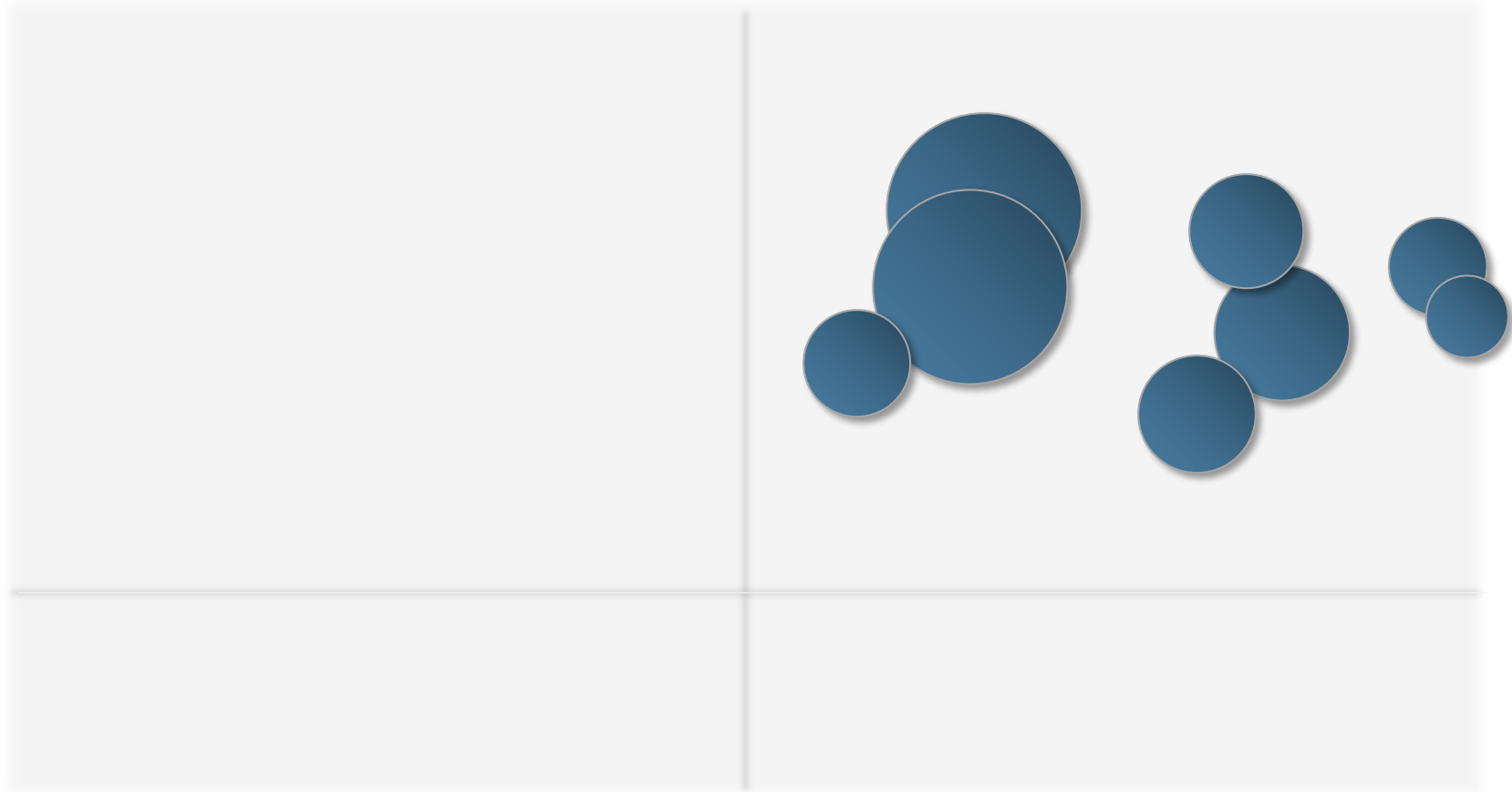


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At a Glance

- Clients with budget increases plan very big increases
- Complex and contentious litigation are the fastest growing
- Clients hiring new firms to deal with more contentious issues

Turbocharged Growth Ahead

The litigation market is turbocharged – accelerating faster, hitting harder and offering more opportunity for law firms than ever.

In 2026, more than two-thirds of companies will boost litigation spending – many by over 10% – propelling a fierce contest for the most agile, fearless and innovative counsel. High-stakes, “bet-the-company” matters are now part of everyday life, as disputes grow more complex, contentious and business-critical.

AI-fueled IP battles are only the beginning. Add massive class actions and relentless cybersecurity claims, and clients are demanding rapid, creative strategies and industry-specific insights. Employment litigation brings confounding challenges – while new breach of contract claims grow bigger and more complex than they ever have.

The winners will be those who deliver speed, precision and bold thinking – not just arguments.

This report pinpoints the fastest-growing segments, the practice areas commanding the biggest premium and the industries where opportunity is set to explode. And details the law firms – by name – best suited for this plum work.

Litigation in 2026 isn't for the cautious – it's for those ready to run in the red zone.

Our 16th BTI Litigation Outlook reveals the contentious and complex nature of litigation – why litigation spending is growing again.

Contentious, complex, and novel cases translate into top-of-the-market rates for firms who can solve the problems.

Clients are:

- *Boosting spending by more than 10%*
- *Looking for new law firms who can deal with the complexity*

Clients' 2026 litigation spending brings a whole new set of business development demands – all outlined in rich detail in this report.

BTI Litigation Outlook 2026 immediately targets the most compelling opportunities – and the business development strategies to get the work. Order today!

7 Key Trends Shaping Litigation in 2026



More litigation now hits business operations (revenue) directly – raising urgency, and rates



Clients are expanding what they call bet-the-company – creating a fast-growing segment of complex need



Litigation is more contentious than ever – driving spending and new law firm selection criteria



Clients describe litigation chaos conditions as a result of caseload, complexity, novel claims and financial risk – looking to law firms for help



Litigation budgets are jumping – with increases deep into double digits



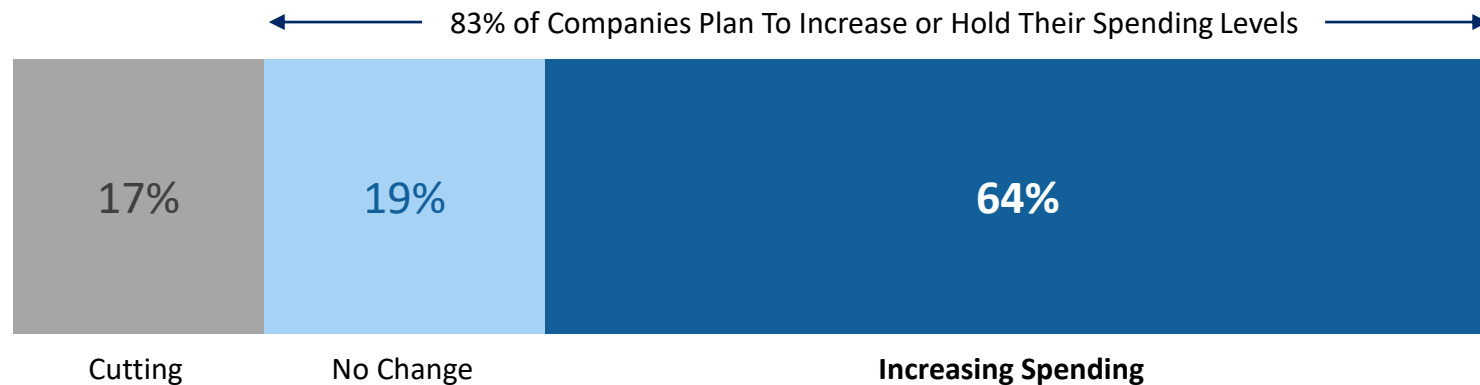
6 areas of litigation show acute demand



64% of clients are increasing spend – up from 57% a year ago

Clients' Spending Stays Strong, Big Increases for 2026

Large Companies Plan Their Legal Spending



Clients Committed to Higher Spending Levels to Fight More Pressing Litigation

83% of clients plan to at least match last year's litigation spend. But the real story lies within the 64% who plan an increase.

Of this 64% group:

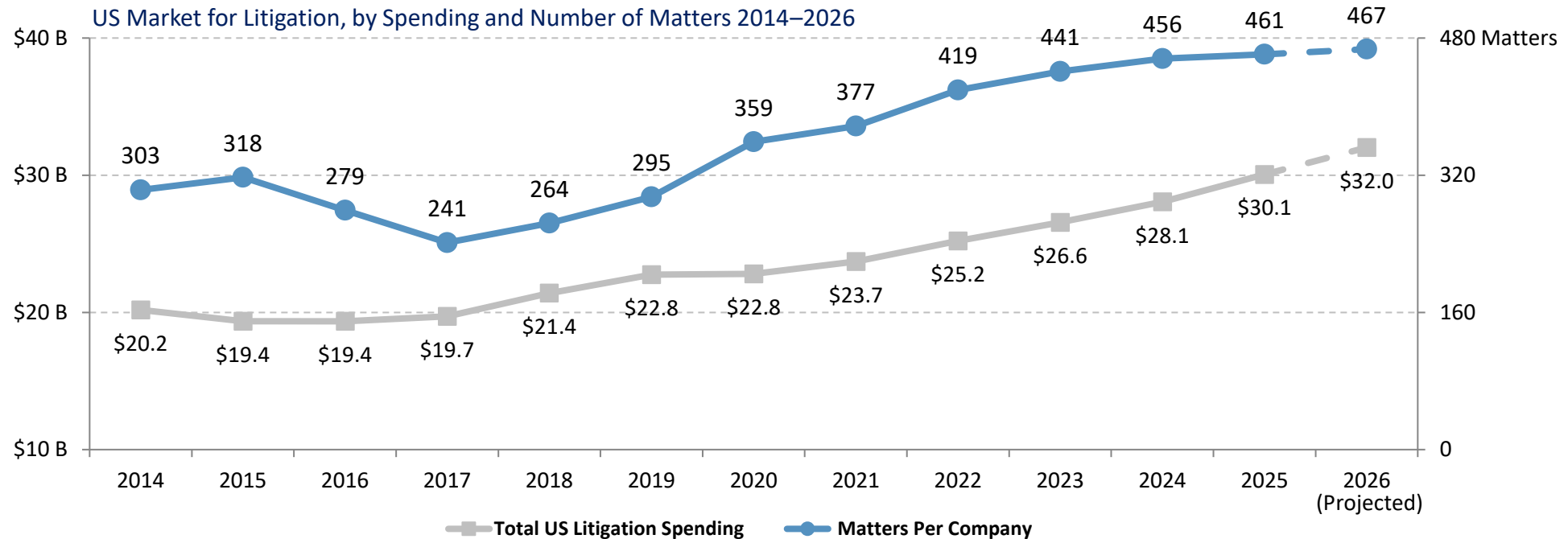
➤ **More than 2/3 plan an increase of more than 10%**

These are some of the largest increases we have uncovered on our 24 years of conducting The BTI Survey of Corporate Counsel. They share the following drivers:

- Litigation is more contentious than ever
- Claims are growing in size
- Litigation has a substantially more significant impact on client business operations – demanding a more vigorous defense
- New and novel issues are growing – demanding more innovative defenses

Law firms capturing the new spending are offering strategies quickly, embedding themselves in client decision-making and putting strong teams in front of clients – and they are all using GenAI as a productivity and brainstorming tool.

Spending Per Case to Grow: Spending Increases Outpace Caseload Increases



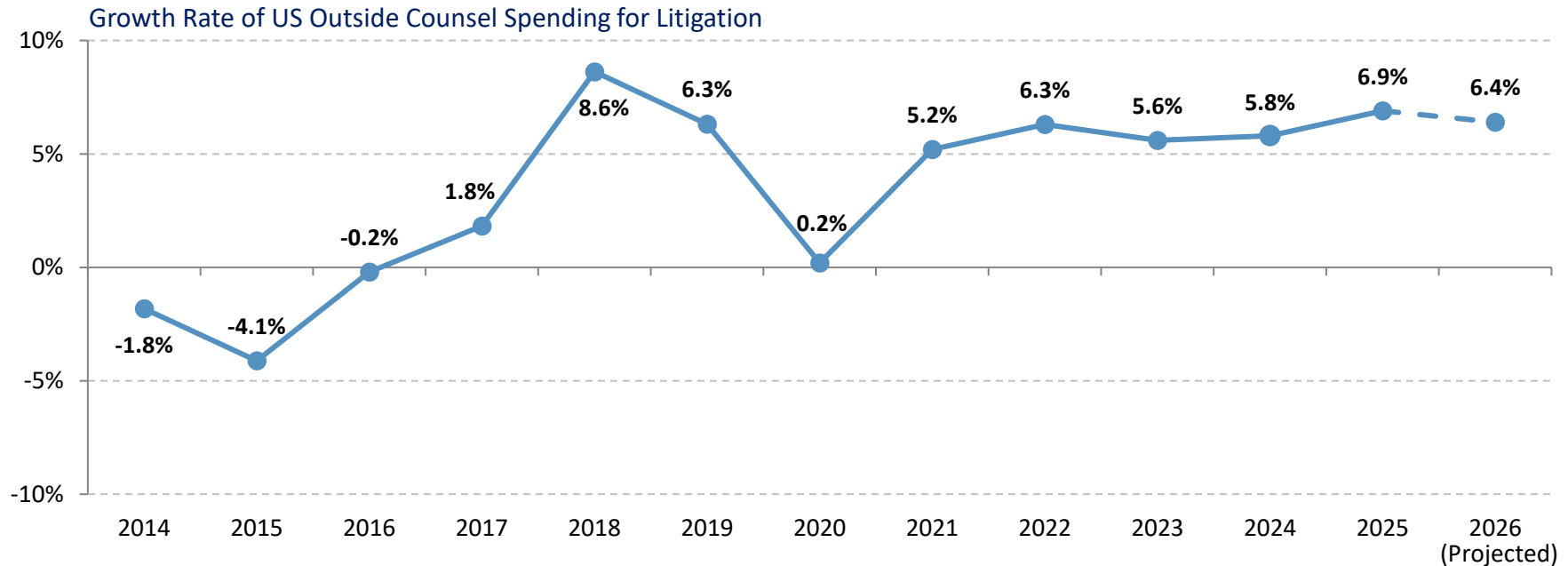
Growing Complexity, More Impact on Client Operations Ignite Increased Spending

Building on the prior 2 years' litigation spending, increases continue to outpace growth in caseload. The reason:

- More litigation impacting client business operations – creating higher value matters
- Increased complexity for existing matters
- Increased outside counsel costs
- New and novel claims
- More contentious, hard-fought litigation

This faster growth is driving clients to select law firms bringing new ideas very early in the process.

Growth for Outside Counsel Flirts with Record Levels



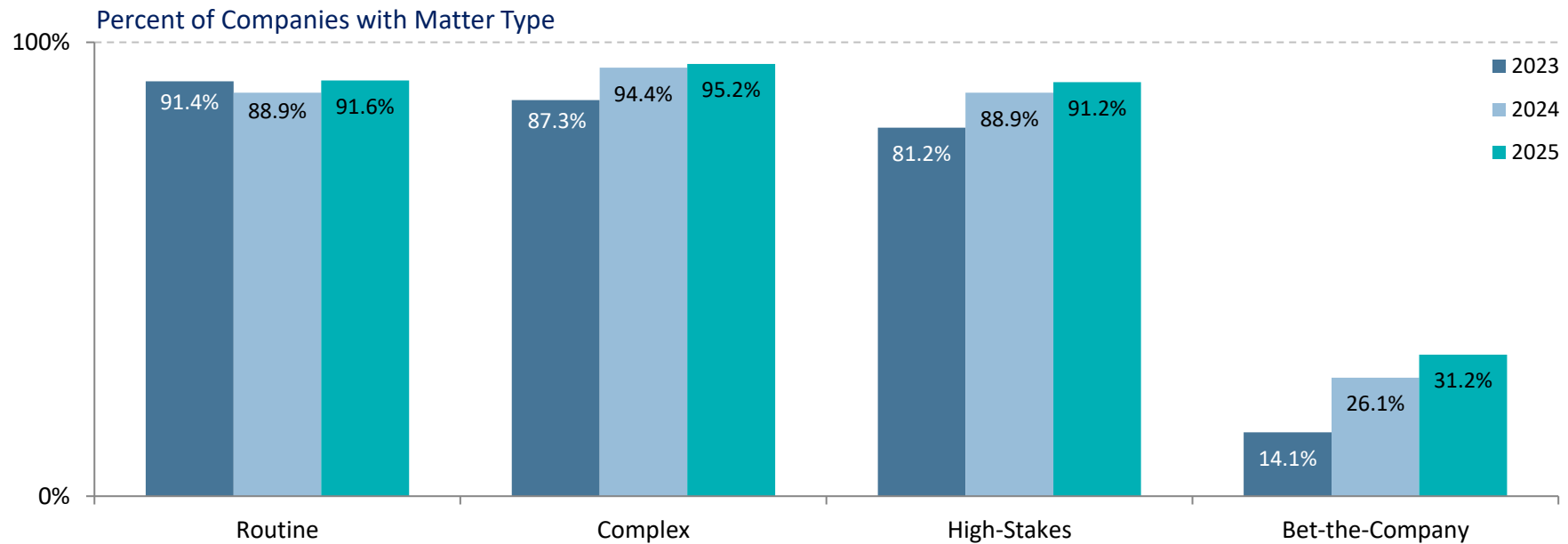
Elevated Growth for Outside Counsel Spending Stays Strong

Litigation spending enters its 6th straight year at elevated levels. Credit the following key drivers:

- Growth in bet-the-company work
- Increased litigation impacting business operations
- Spike in labor and employment cases
- More companies with class actions
- Larger outside counsel teams to deal with new claims
- Bigger claims

Complexity increases while the pace of new and existing litigation races ahead. Growth in contentious litigation is causing chaos – and increased spending on outside counsel.

Complex and High-Stakes Become Pervasive



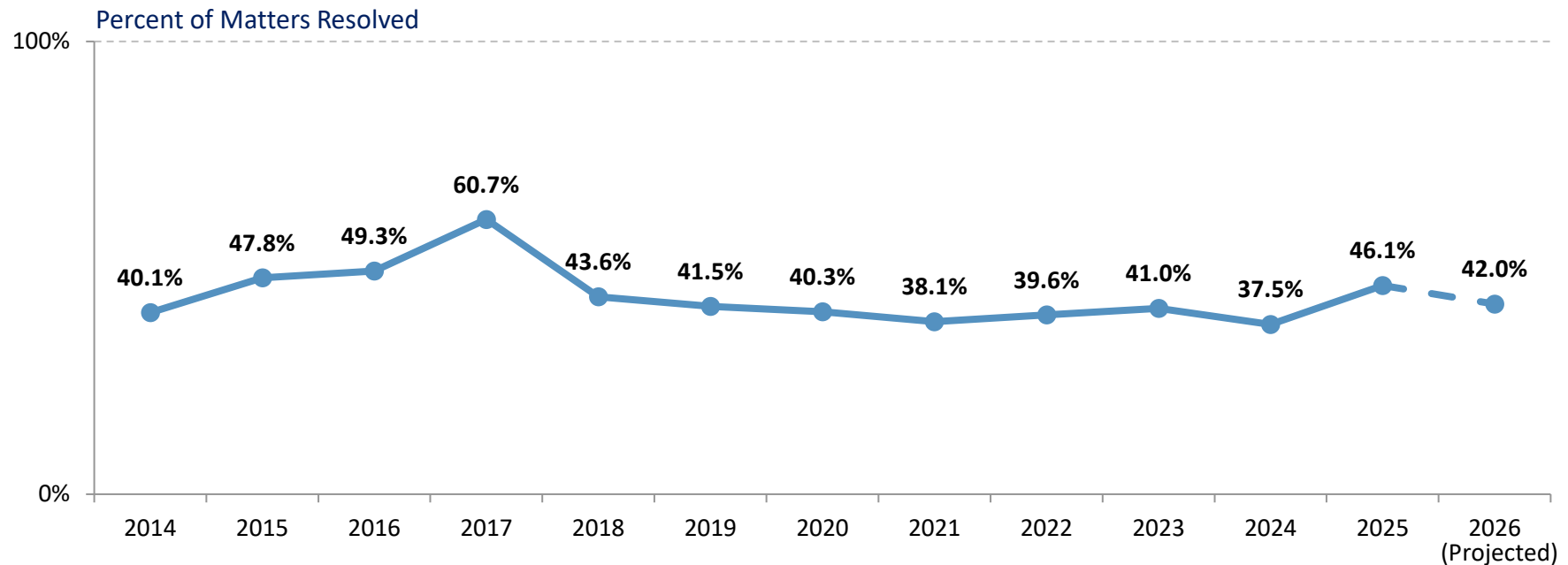
Almost All Clients Face High-Stakes Work

High-stakes, high-risk work is a routine part of the litigation landscape. The key issues driving the increase and changes in risk profile include:

1. A contentious litigation environment
2. An expanding set of risks facing clients
3. Tariffs and market volatility upending supply chain agreements
4. More claims with the potential to impact client revenue streams
5. Labor-related actions as a result of political changes
6. Fighting political and regulatory headwinds
7. Clients applying broader definitions of high risk

Clients are dealing with a new litigation landscape characterized by high risk – and are looking for law firms with responses to match their new world order.

Optimism for Settling Drops: One Symptom of a More Contentious Market



Client Optimism for Settlements Drops

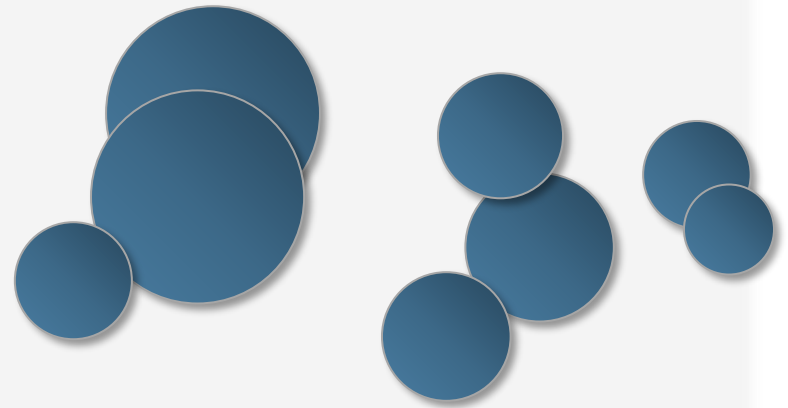
Corporate counsel see fewer settlements on the horizon for 3 reasons:

- Growing contentiousness
- Plaintiffs are less inclined to settle, thinking courts are leaning in their favor
- Concern about precedent for new and novel claims

Fewer settlements becomes a key driver behind increased spending.

BTI's Litigation Forecast 2026

Opportunity Roadmap



How to Use BTI's Litigation Forecast 2026

Identify Growing (and Shrinking) Market Segments

Vertical axis measures 2026 growth potential

- Practices above the zero-growth line highlight segments growing faster than the overall market
- Practices below the growth line are growing slower than the market

Pinpoint Premium Rate Opportunities

Horizontal axis identifies relative average rates

- Practices on the right side of the chart garner higher average hourly rates
- Practices on the left side of the chart experience greater rate pressure

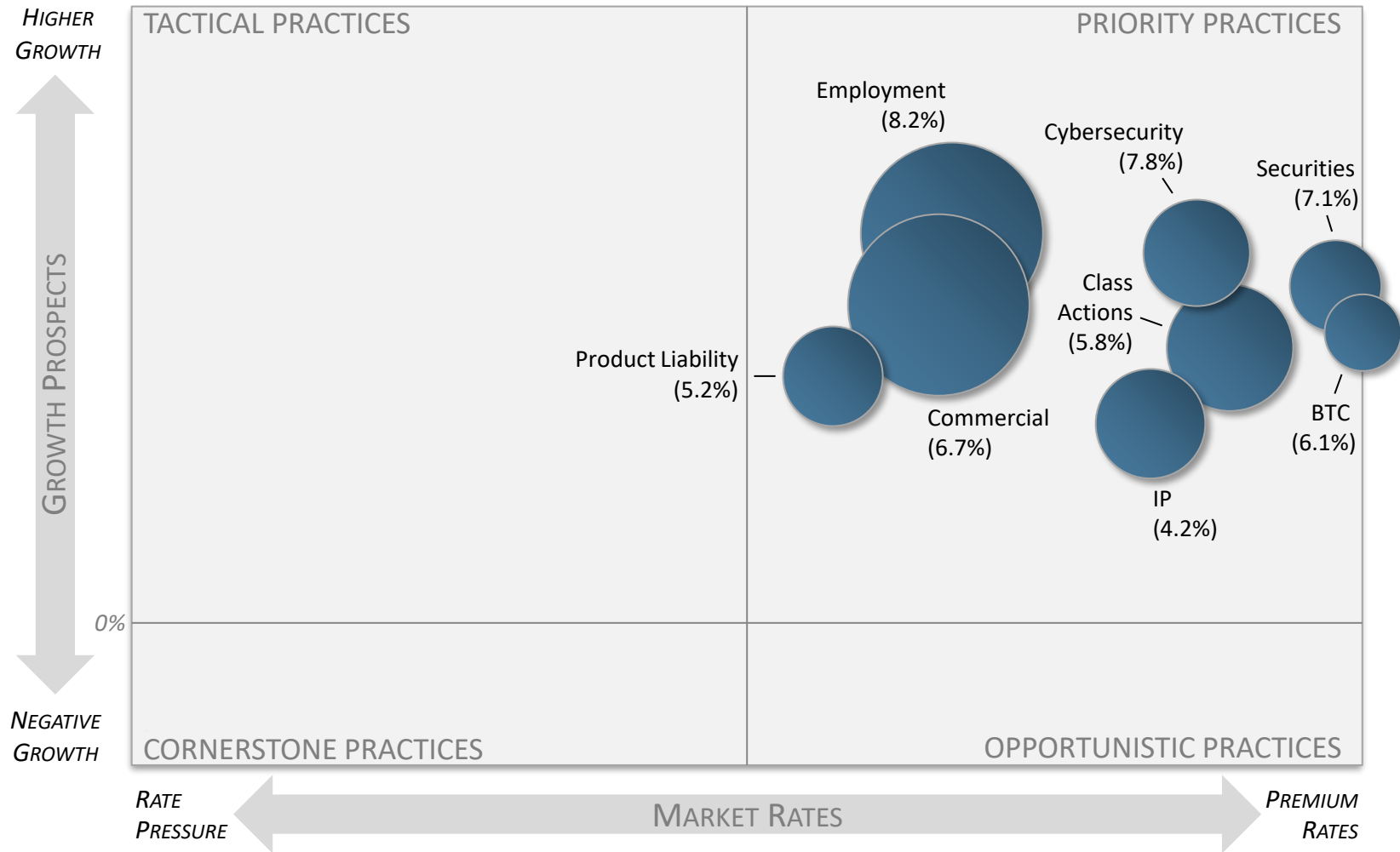
Understand Extent of Opportunities

Bubble size measures market size

- The size of each practice bubble measures the total corporate counsel spending in the litigation segment



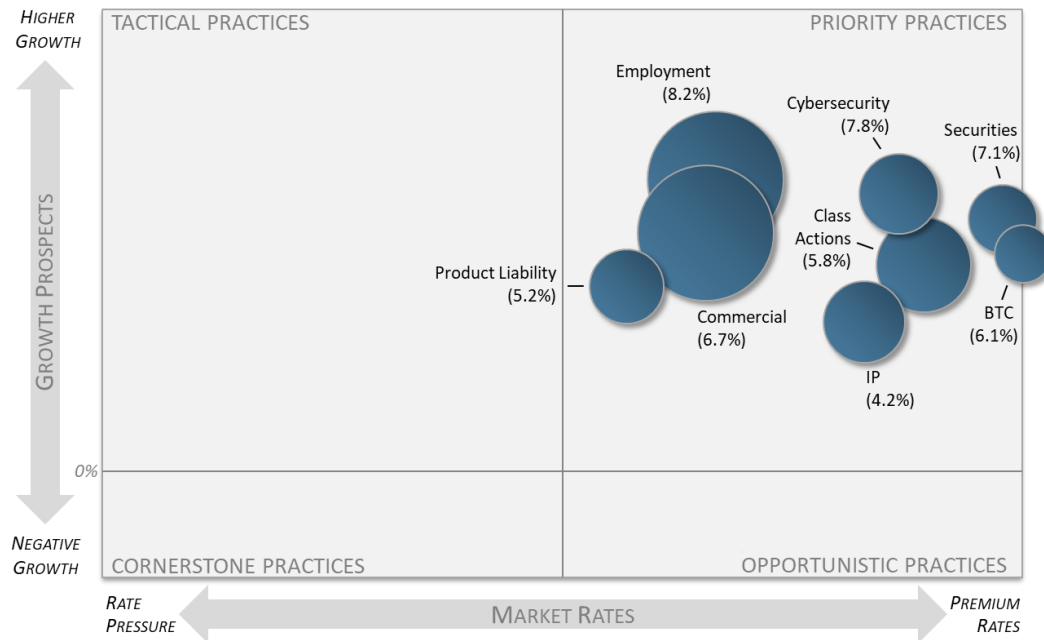
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○ = \$1 Billion Market Opportunity

(%) = Projected Growth Rate

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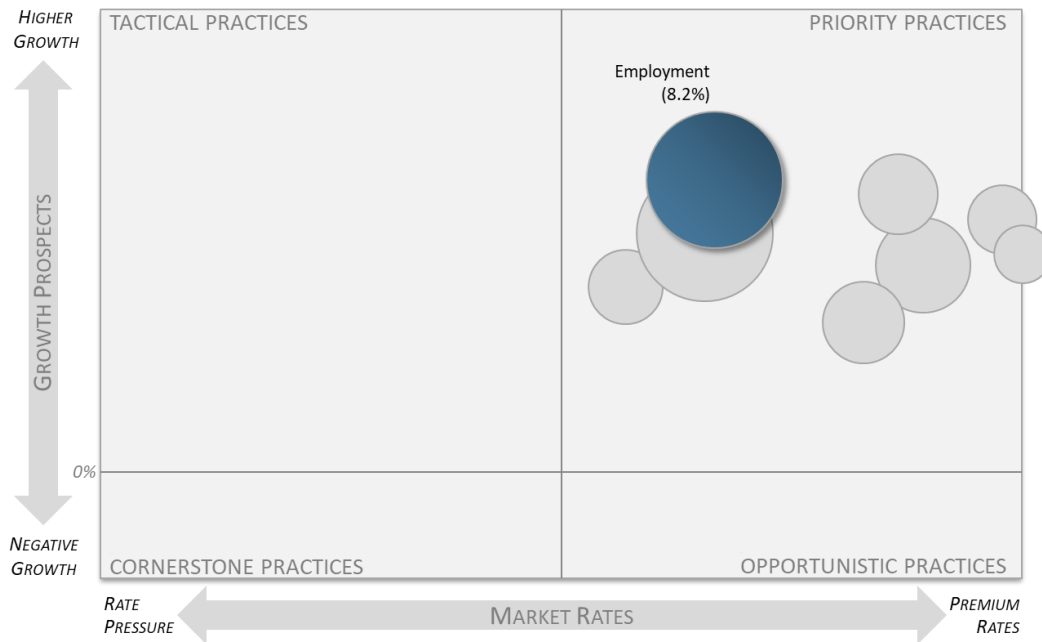
PRIORITY PRACTICES: HIGHER RATES, GROWING SPENDING

Priority practices are a prime opportunity for law firms. These practice segments address clients' most pressing concerns and can be stand-alone drivers of growth and profitability. These practices command:

- Above-average market growth potential
- More access to premium rates

Practice Segment	2026 Projected Growth	2026 Projected Market Size
Employment Litigation (full details on page 18)	8.2%	\$9.77 B
Commercial Litigation (full details on page 20)	6.7%	\$9.69 B
Class Actions and Torts (full details on page 22)	5.8%	\$4.80 B
IP Litigation (full details on page 24)	4.2%	\$3.64 B
Cybersecurity Litigation (full details on page 26)	7.8%	\$3.37 B
Product Liability Litigation (full details on page 28)	5.2%	\$3.02 B
Securities and Finance Litigation (full details on page 30)	7.1%	\$2.53 B
Bet-the-Company Litigation (full details on page 32)	6.1%	\$1.69 B

Employment Litigation Set for Biggest Increases



Clients are facing a 7-way onslaught of issues in labor & employment. Up from 5 major issues last year. These include a combination of:

- DEI policy and risk mgmt.
- Reverse discrimination
- Wage and hour
- Whistleblower retaliation
- Reductions in force
- Mental health claims
- Non-competes and trade secrets

Most clients are facing at least 4 out of these 7 drivers – with larger clients facing all 7. These forces are creating litigation related to:

- Reverse discrimination claims
- Wage and hour and classification claims
- Salary and wage disclosure
- Conflicting Federal, state, and local mandates
- Gig economy misclassification
- Wrongful termination
- Hostile work environment claims
- Employee surveillance issues
- Privacy claims related to wearables
- AI bias in hiring

More of these claims are reaching CEO's offices because of public scrutiny and business implications. As a result, the firms winning new business are:

- Laying out the next set of risks and issues
- Sharing industry-specific risks and management strategies
- Solving jurisdictional conflict issues
- Crafting company-specific avoidance strategies
- Exhibiting stunning timeliness

Labor-only firms are offering tools to predict issues and map out jurisdictional issues and requirements. General Practice firms are leading with industry-specific strategies and avoidance. Both are winning formulas and the firms able to merge the 2 strategies will stand out most.

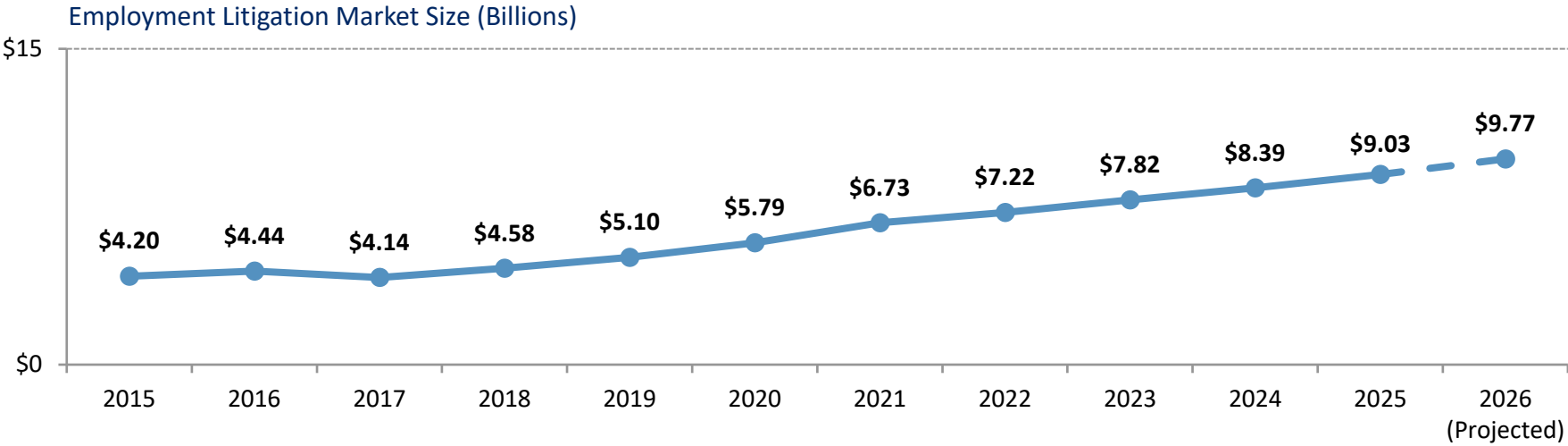
Percent of Companies with Employment Litigation



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- A breakdown of Employment Litigation opportunities by industry
- The history of Employment Litigation spending

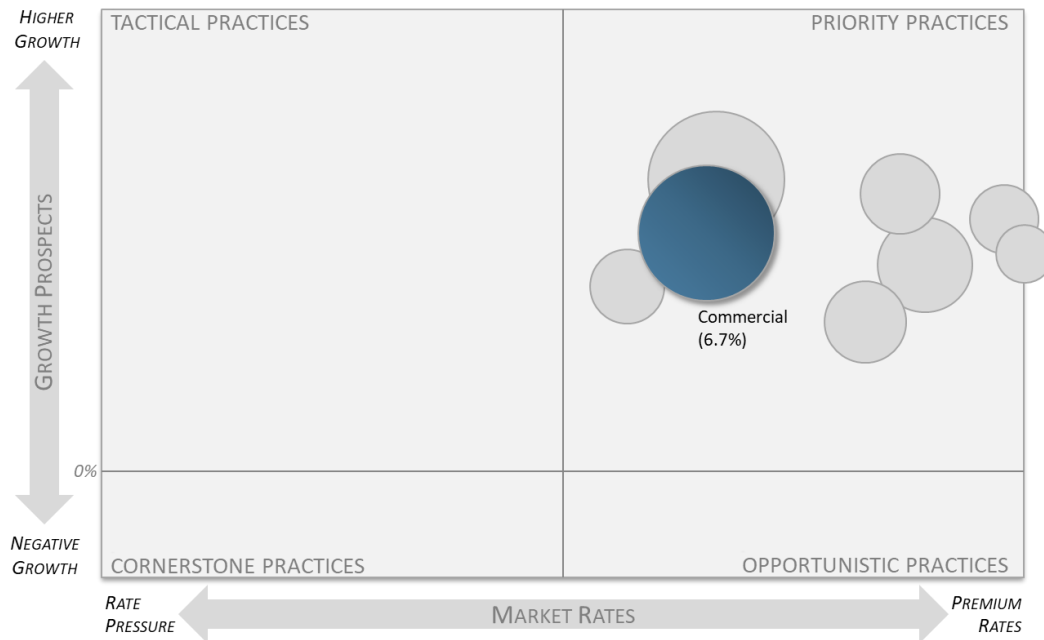
Spending in Employment Litigation Heads Only Higher



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Hot Opportunity	Market Neutral	Pressure Points
Banking	Chemicals	
Energy	Consumer Goods	
Financial Services	Pharmaceuticals	
Food	Real Estate	
Health Care	Utilities	
High Tech	Wholesale Trade	
Insurance		
Manufacturing		
Professional Services		
Retail Trade		
Telecom		
Transportation		

Commercial Litigation Increases Jump Again: Complex, Contentious and Novel Matters Surge



More than 64% of companies are increasing their litigation budget with most of the increase going to outside counsel. The claims garnering the most attention from clients include:

- Supply chains disrupted by tariffs and supply constraints
- Early claims related to AI-generated content governed by contract or other agreement
- Access to and use of AI training data
- Pile on suits from government interventions
- Tech implementation failures
- Joint ventures and partnering agreements unraveling
- AI-generated content and deepfakes

These new claims directly impact clients' business operations and revenue – adding tremendous pressure to corporate counsel to respond quickly. Law firms getting the new assignments – on a sole-source basis – offer the following:

- Swift assessment and action
- Practical solutions
- Aggressive approaches
- Clear understanding of business implications
- Ability to pivot when facts change
- New approaches clients haven't seen before
- Creativity in applying precedents to new and novel issues

The old playbooks are officially obsolete – or limit firms to lower-rate work. Pitching your firm's legacy of wins tells clients you are stuck in the past. The winning pitches are built around brainstorming solutions, problem solving, and expediting legal processes. Anything else only proves a firm can't act as quickly as clients make decisions. The outsized litigation premium goes to the fast, flexible, and fearless counsel.

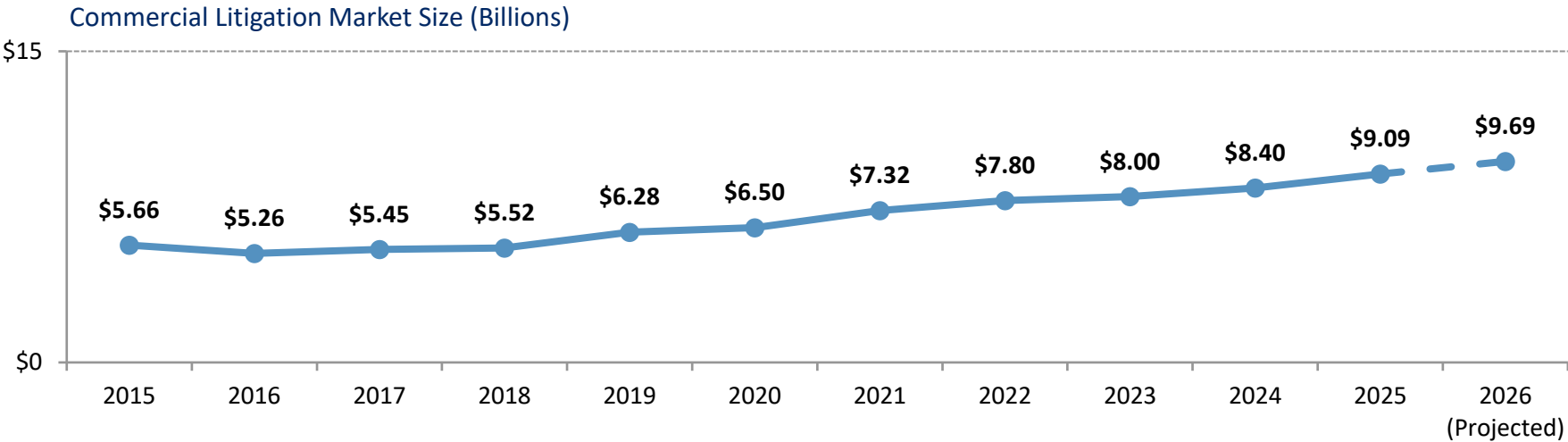
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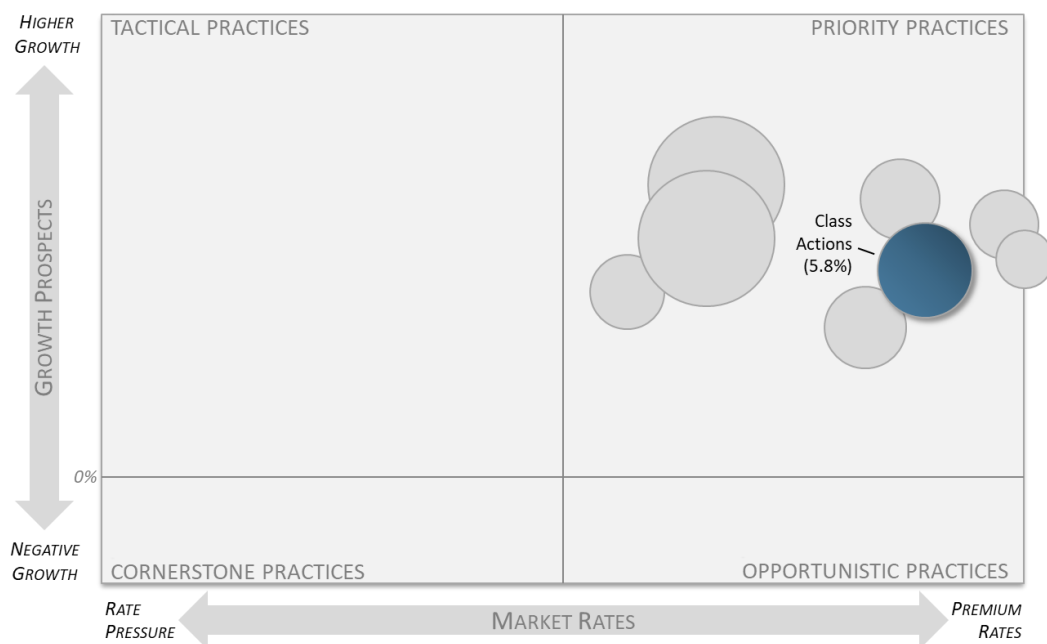
Commercial Litigation Spending to Jump



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Class Action Spending Heads Further North



Class actions continue to grow in size and complexity. Clients are spending more. They blame more claims being certified, a broader variety of claims, bigger awards, courts reticent to dismiss claims, and the volatile political climate driving a litigious state. They indicate it continues to be easier to file a class action claim.

Clients are focusing on the following types of class actions:

- Discrimination
- Biological data privacy
- Subscription pricing
- Labor & Employment
- False claims
- Product liability
- Wage and hour
- Data privacy
- Securities fraud
- Consumer fraud
- ESG

The law firms winning the new class actions work offer the following to clients:

- Quick risk assessment and action plans
- Alternatives and options for approaches
- Settlement and full defense strategies
- Aggressive stance
- Industry practice and risks
- Strategies to avoid and manage pile-on litigation from regulators and shareholders

Clients want firms treating class actions as an enterprise risk instead of an isolated litigation.

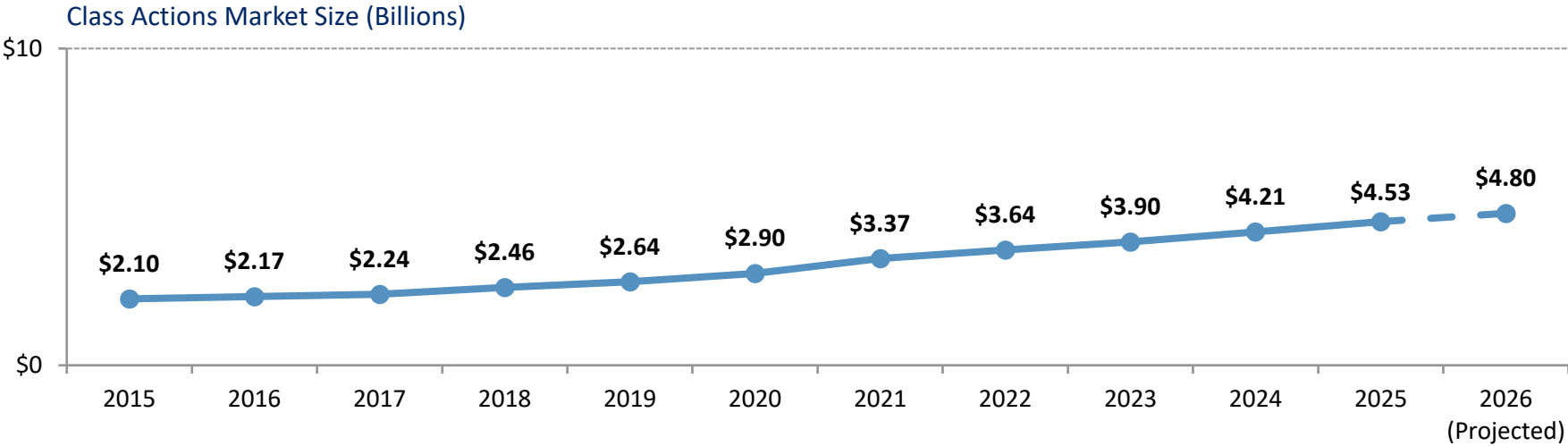
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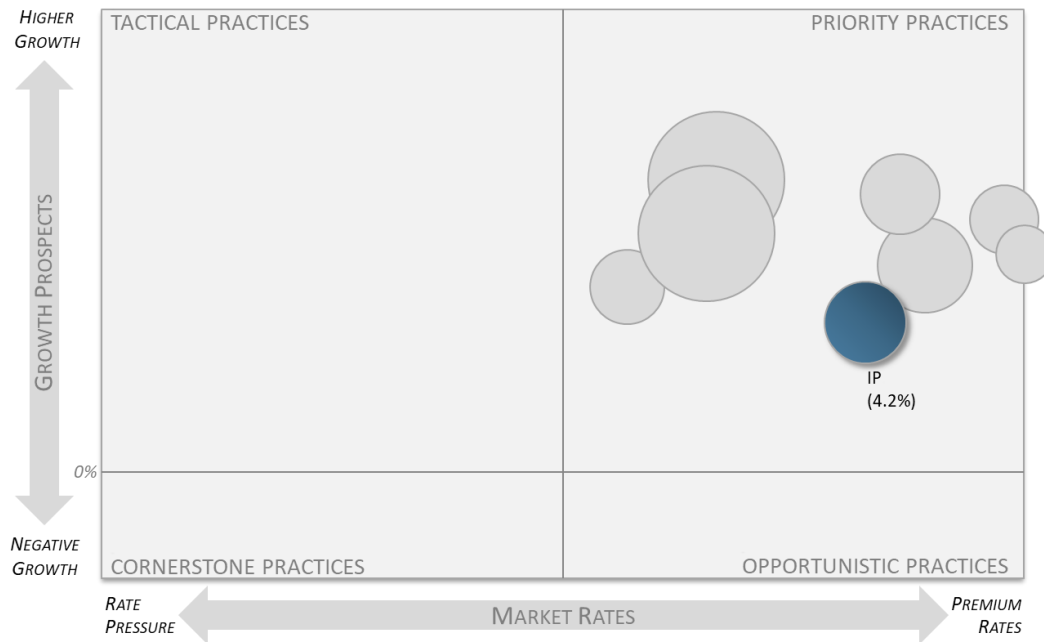
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IP Litigation and IP Complexity Spreads: IP Litigation Spending to Increase



IP litigation continues to grow with both new and familiar issues. Clients are adopting AI in every facet of their business – creating new issues and unintended IP consequences. Bad actors are trying to exploit blind spots in their products and services. At the same time, companies are more aggressive in pursuing anything resembling infringement.

Research reveals several reasons:

- IP leakage from AI
- Cloud and employee mobility
- Ownership of AI-generated material
- Data scraping
- Unauthorized replication of likenesses
- Brand knock-offs
- 3rd party and open-source code used in proprietary offerings
- AI-assisted patent trolls
- Cross-border issues
- Highly aggressive pursuit in Tech
- Growing pursuit in Pharma/Biotech

Clients want law firms with:

- Clear confidence in dealing with AI-related issues
- Strategies for all possible scenarios
- Creativity in approach
- Winner takes all attitude
- Industry knowledge
- Ability to articulate connected issues and risks

Skill in dealing with undefined threats has become a key part of client conversations for the foreseeable future.

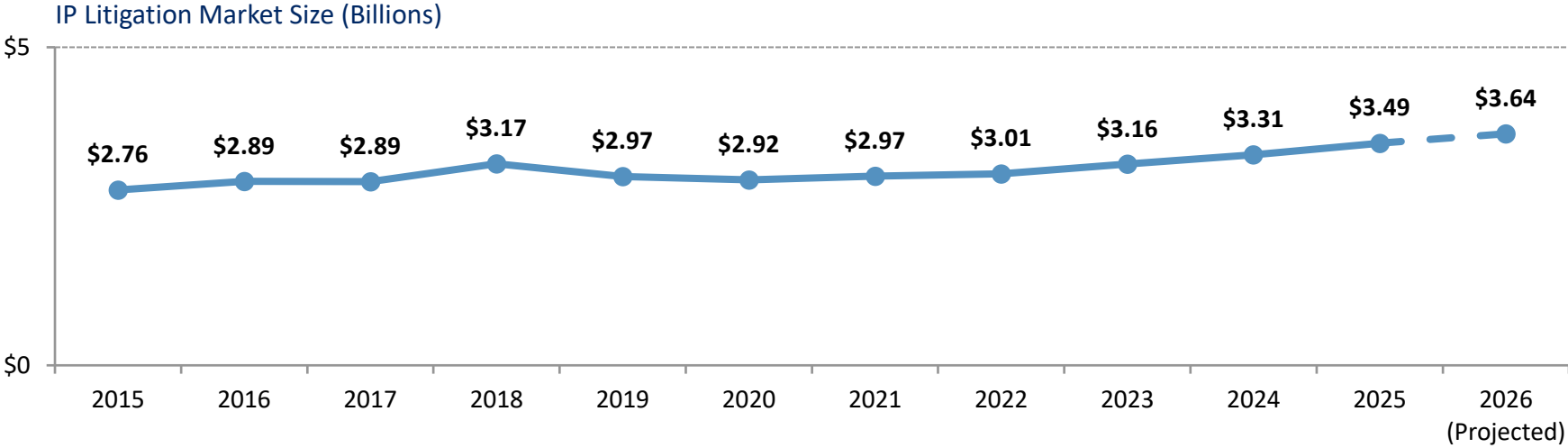
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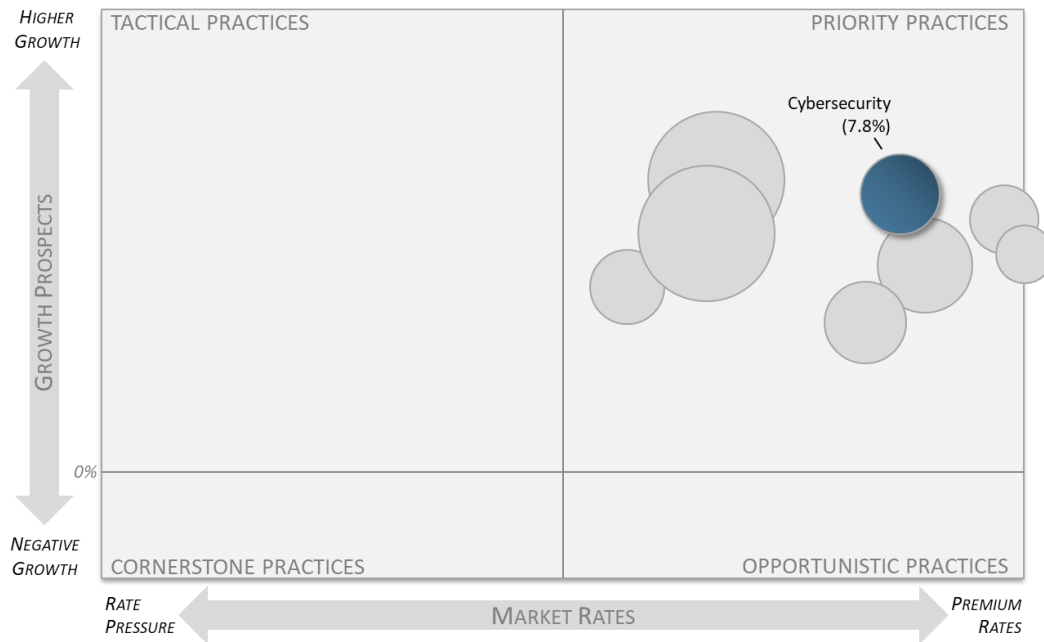
More Industries to Increase IP Litigation Spending: 5 Industries with Acute Needs



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Food	Banking	
High Tech	Chemicals	
Manufacturing	Consumer Goods	
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Needs Abound, Flirts with Record High Cybersecurity Spending Increases



The number of breaches in 2024 came within 2% of a record setting 2023. But – the breaches in 2024 were 2 to 3 times larger – meaning an unprecedented number of records were breached. This brings proportionately more litigation and risk in addition to regulatory trouble.

Clients identify the following as top litigation areas they face:

- Ransomware threats
- Misconfigured cloud and systems
- Poorly coded software
- Unauthorized data disclosed through GenAI
- Evermore sophisticated phishing schemes
- Malicious insiders
- Lost and stolen devices
- Non-compliance with a growing body of state and EU laws
- Supply chain data access and protection
- Customer access to data
- Business partners who may have access to sensitive data
- Sale of personal and sensitive data
- Biometric data mishandling

Percent of Companies with Cybersecurity Litigation



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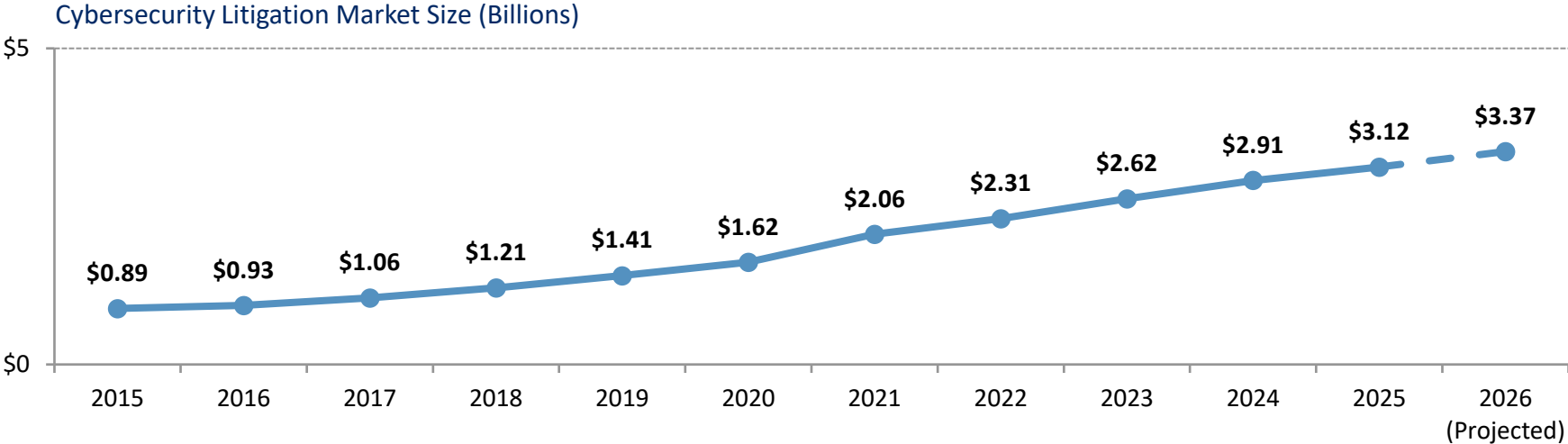
- A breakdown of Cybersecurity Litigation opportunities by industry
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Clients are looking for more from law firms than in the past. They want firms who:

- Identify emerging risks and share intelligence early
- Offer strategies for multiparty claims and regulatory intervention
- Accelerate settlements and reduce exposures
- Bring industry-specific risks and exposures
- Always on education about new risks and regulations

Cybersecurity risk is bigger and more public. This drives demand for firms who can see client's risk profile growing.

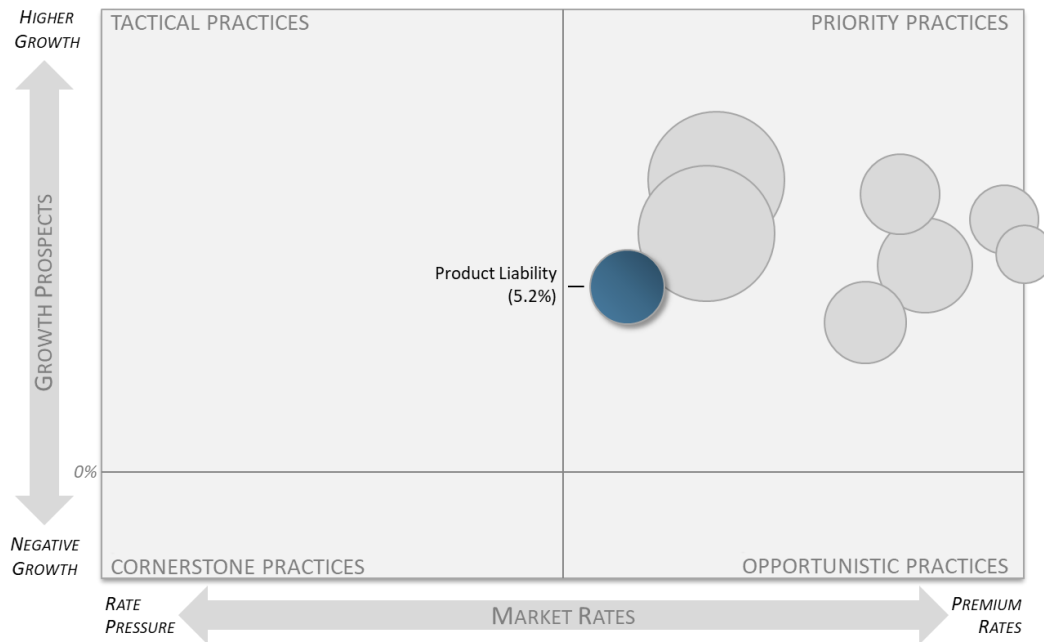
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New Products Race, Technology Innovation Drive Product Liability Litigation Spending Up



Companies are racing to introduce new technology-enabled products. This speed is resulting in product failures, unintended consequences, and innovative new products. This is driving new litigation and damages.

Product recalls are larger than ever – resulting in larger claims as recalls impact global market reach.

Top areas of product liability include:

- Automotive/EV claims
- Pharmaceuticals
- Medical devices
- Forever chemicals
- Children’s products
- Consumer electronics
- Building products

Clients want law firms able to assess risk and develop risk appropriate defense strategies. Product liability remains the single most competitive segment of litigation – with more law firms pursuing these cases than others. These clients have no time to weed through all the firms – they relish firms able to propose a clear risk-appropriate solutions.

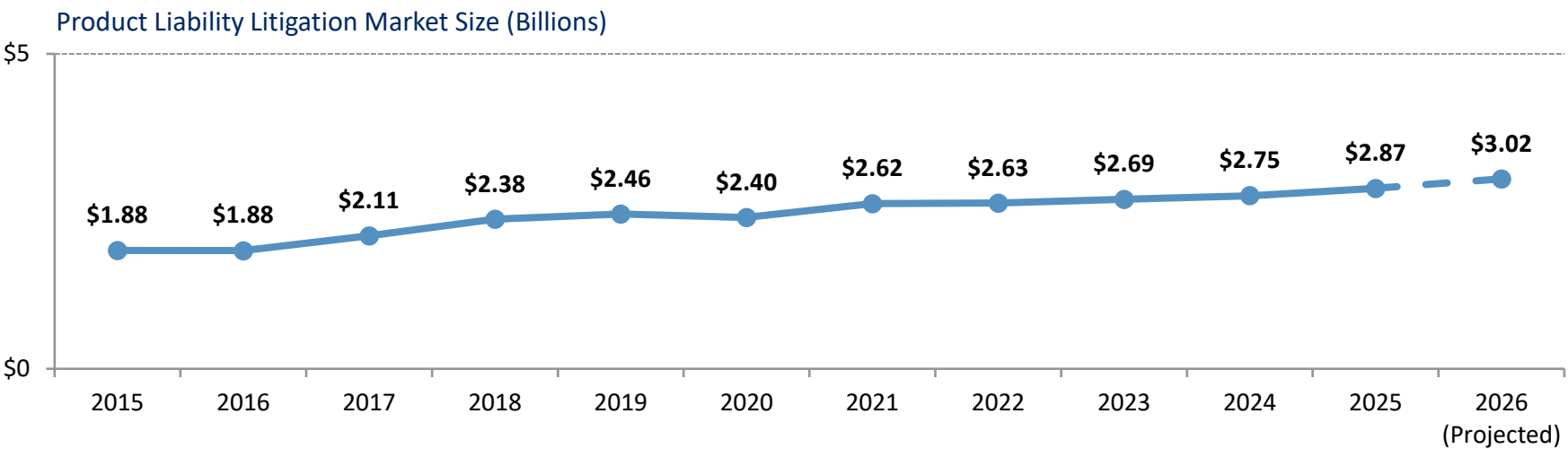
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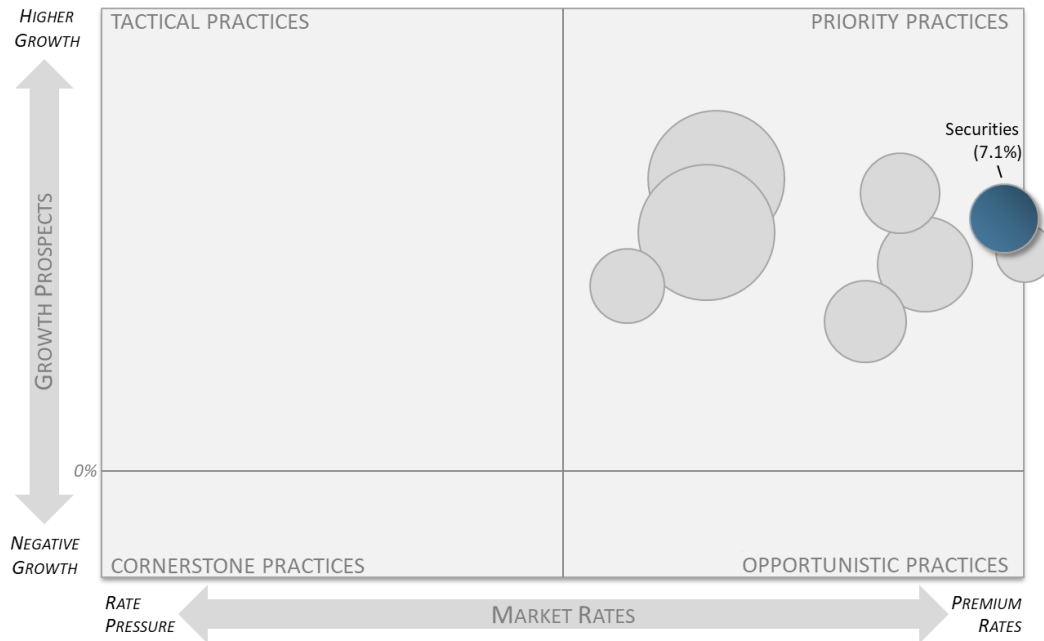
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Product Liability Litigation Accelerates: 6 Industries with More Acute Needs



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Volatility Drives Securities and Finance Litigation Spending Up



Few things light a fire under Securities Litigation than volatile securities markets. Securities prices can gyrate and change with little notice. Steep drops, reporting irregularities, and activists all have their impact. Delayed and failed deals propel the market as well.

Key drivers behind the growth include:

- Activist investors
- SPAC fallout
- SEC follow on
- Contested acquisition
- ESG claims and disclosures
- Earnings misses
- Stock price drop
- Missed earnings and revenue
- Guidance withdrawal

Clients want a seamless integrated team with all relevant skills – including regulatory skills. Clients draw a clear distinction between teams and groups of attorneys working together. Teams share knowledge.

These clients believe time is the enemy. They want quick thinking and settlements.

Firms winning the work provide clear counsel and very early assessments. The winning firms quickly educate clients as to top risks and exposure. They know what to say to who, and when.

Ultimately clients want one unified team who can offer:

- Start ready response
- Clear and sobering risk assessment
- Regulatory prowess
- Class Action counsel as a Class Action claim likely follows Securities litigation
- Strategic counsel
- Unmitigated commitment

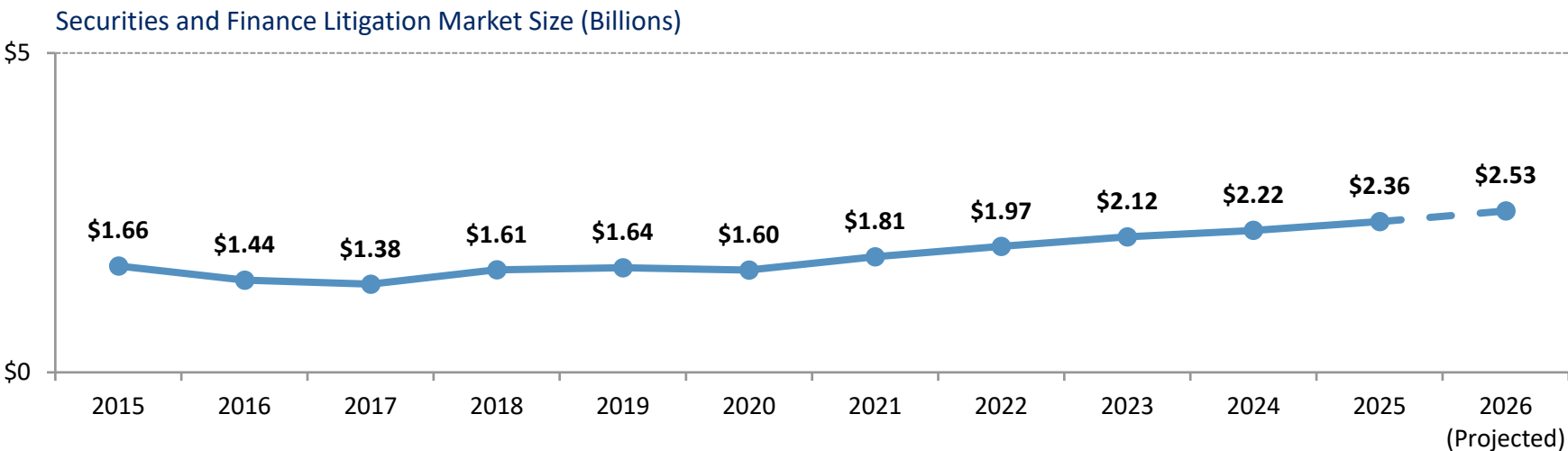
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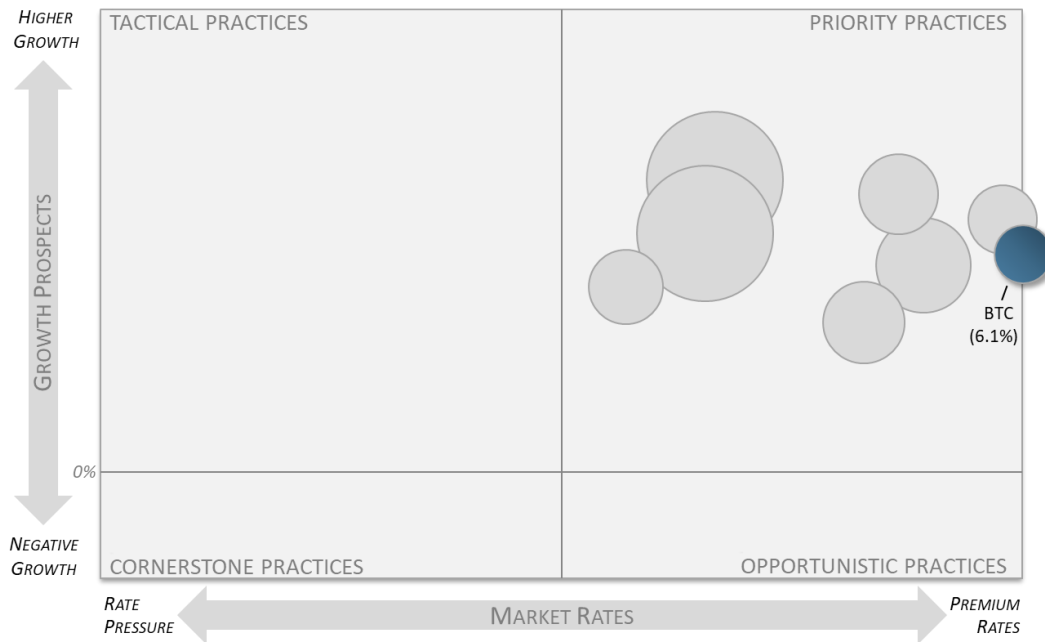
New Bases Drive Securities and Finance Litigation Up



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New Definitions of Bet-the-Company Drive Big Spending Increases and Market Expansion



Clients expanded their definition for bet-the-company matters; new variables include:

- Hurts stock prices
- Materially damages balance sheets
- Have the potential to be considered criminal acts
- Damages brand
- Undermines investor confidence
- Severely limits revenue streams
- Damages a top executive's reputation
- Dilutes strategic business goals
- Disrupts operations
- Limits access to capital
- Creates a large-scale public or employee backlash
- Offers pathways to a deluge of other litigation
- Large matters coincident with geopolitical unrest
- Enterprise-scale class action
- M&A obstacles

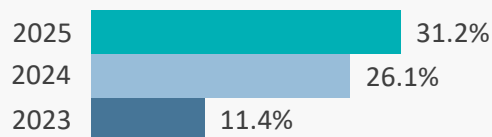
The ever-expanding definition and increased activity result in a growing market at premium rates.

These clients hire law firms immediately understanding the gravitas and the client's risk tolerance. Clients demand the following from their law firms – even those with deep relationships:

- Real time assessment and action plan
- Unfettered resource base
- Smart strategy with dual mandate: settle and defend
- Deep regulatory prowess
- Unmatched commitment to win

Clients expect new bet-the-company matters related to Tech, Media, M&A, IP, Healthcare, Pharma, and globally branded organizations.

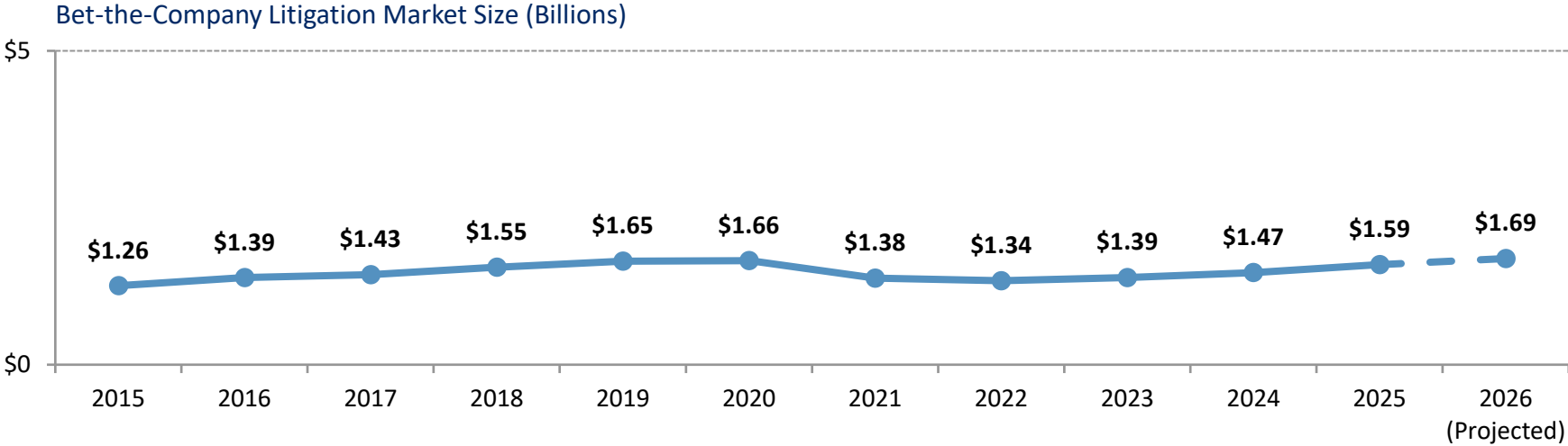
Percent of Companies with Bet-the-Company Litigation



See the following page for:

- A breakdown of Bet-the-Company Litigation opportunities by industry
- The history of Bet-the-Company Litigation spending

More Companies Face Bet-the-Company Matters Driving Increased Spending

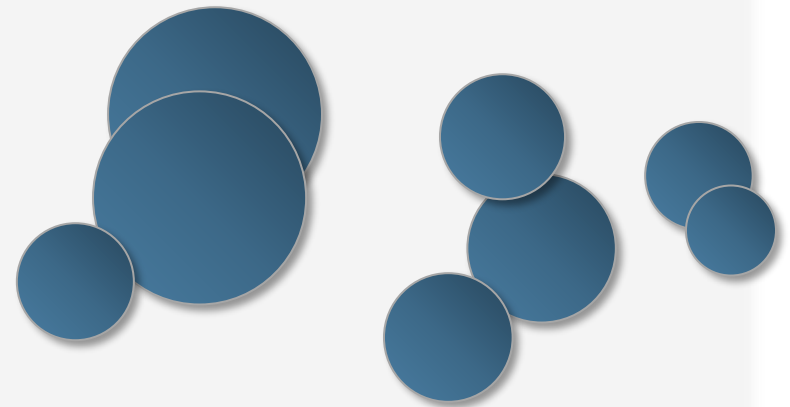


BTI Industry Opportunity Assessment

Hot Opportunity	Market Neutral	Pressure Points
Consumer Goods	Banking	
Financial Services	Chemicals	
Health Care	Energy	
Manufacturing	Food	
Pharmaceuticals	High Tech	
Professional Services	Insurance	
	Real Estate	
	Retail Trade	
	Telecom	
	Transportation	
	Utilities	
	Wholesale Trade	

Industry Assessment for 2026

BTI Opportunity Zone



How to Use BTI's Opportunity Zone Chart

The BTI Opportunity Zone chart is a comprehensive look at growth prospects by cross section of industry and litigation segments. This chart is your roadmap for understanding how different client organizations will react to service offerings and rates in the upcoming year. Use this guide to better leverage resources, assemble right-sized pricing structures, and target hot opportunities.

BTI Hot Opportunities

The intersection of industries and litigation segments tagged for prime growth and higher-than-market rates

Market Neutral

The intersection of industries and litigation segments expected to see average or neutral growth

Pressure Points

The intersection of industries and litigation segments expected to experience price sensitivity or pushback

BTI Opportunity Zones 2026: Opportunities by Industry and Litigation Segment

	IP Litigation	Class Actions	Securities and Finance Litigation	Commercial Litigation	Employment Litigation	Product Liability Litigation	Cybersecurity	Bet-the-Company Litigation
Banking								
Chemicals								
Consumer Goods								
Energy								
Financial Services								
Food								
Health Care								
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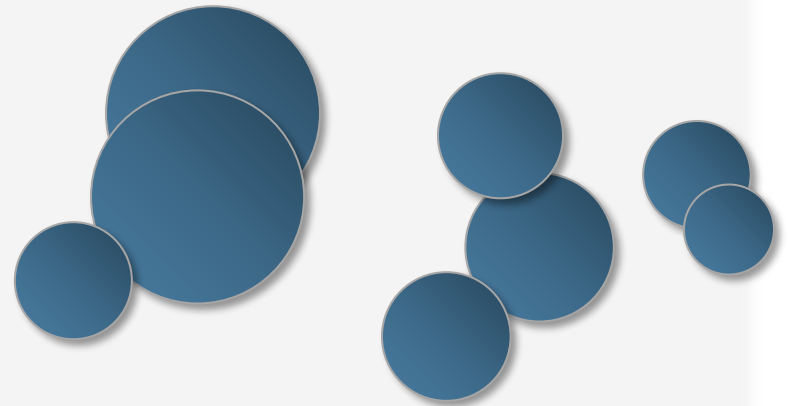
BTI Hot Opportunity:
Higher Need, Higher Rates

Market Neutral

Pressure Point:
Pressure on Rates

Client Law Firm Preference and Favorites

Law Firm Leaders



Litigation Powerhouses: Law Firms Leading the Litigation Market

As litigation gets more complex and firms become more aggressive – clients are spending more as they reevaluate their options of law firms based on:

- Ideas and approaches
- Client service
- Prior performance
- Prowess in dealing with aggressive counsel

Top legal decision makers identify the firms best suited to meet their most pressing litigation needs.

Congratulations to these 280 firms for this impressive performance – singled out by clients with no prompts or suggested names.

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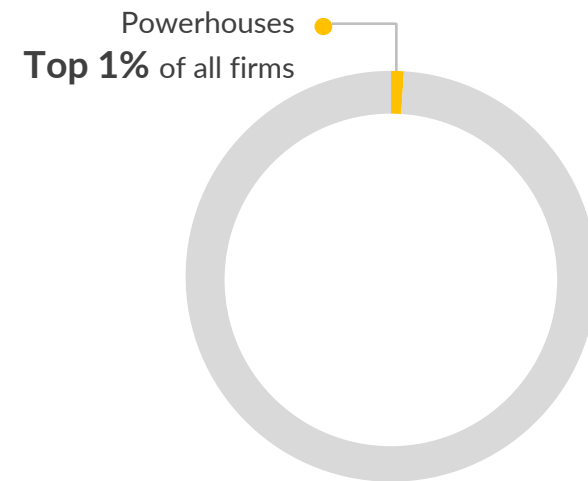
Litigation Powerhouses: IP Litigation

Powerhouses

- Arnold & Porter
- Cooley
- Davis Wright Tremaine
- Finnegan
- Fish
- Goodwin
- Kirkland & Ellis
- Orrick
- Quinn Emanuel



IP Litigation Law Firm Ranking



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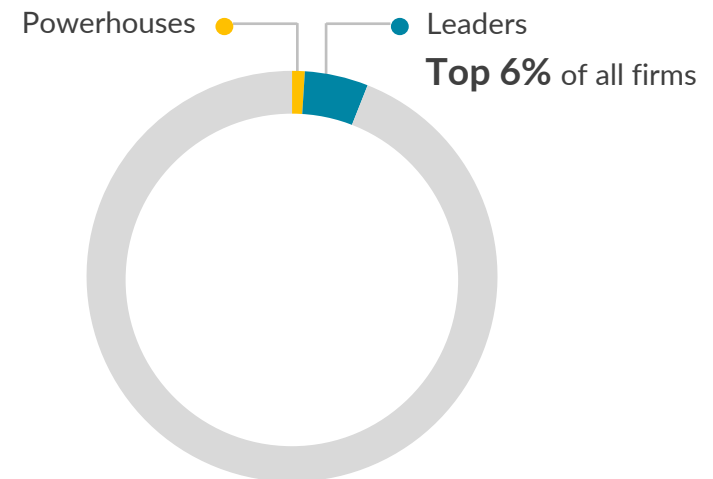
Litigation Leaders: IP Litigation

Leaders

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- Carpenter Lipps
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- Crowell
- Dentons
- Desmarais
- Faegre Drinker
- Hanson Bridgett
- Hogan Lovells
- Honigman
- Husch Blackwell
- Jones Day
- K&L Gates
- Kilpatrick
- King & Spalding
- Knobbe Martens
- Loeb & Loeb
- Mintz
- Morrison & Foerster
- Paul, Weiss
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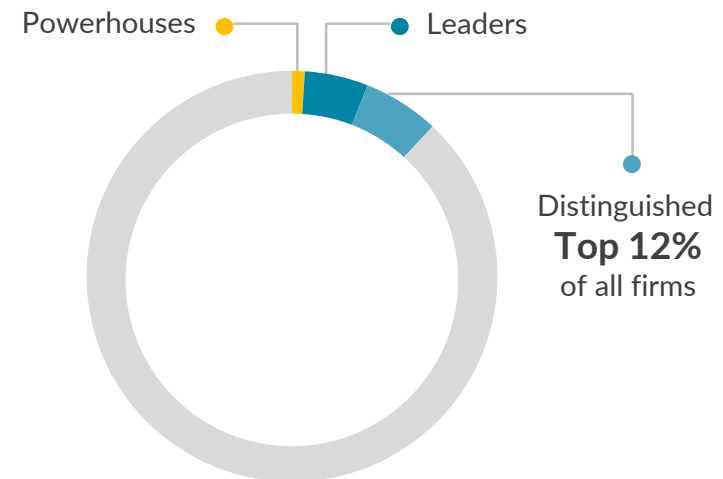
Litigation Distinguished: IP Litigation

Distinguished

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- Blakes
- Brown Rudnick
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- Debevoise
- Dinsmore
- DLA Piper
- Foley & Lardner
- Fried Frank
- Frost Brown Todd
- Gibson Dunn
- Gordon Rees Scully Mansukhani
- Hinshaw & Culbertson
- Irell & Manella
- Jackson Walker
- Jenner & Block
- Kasowitz
- Kecker, Van Nest & Peters
- Manatt
- McGuireWoods
- Morgan Lewis
- Paul Hastings
- Polsinelli
- Poyner Spruill
- Schwabe, Williamson & Wyatt
- Sidley
- Sterne Kessler
- Thompson Coe
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- White & Case
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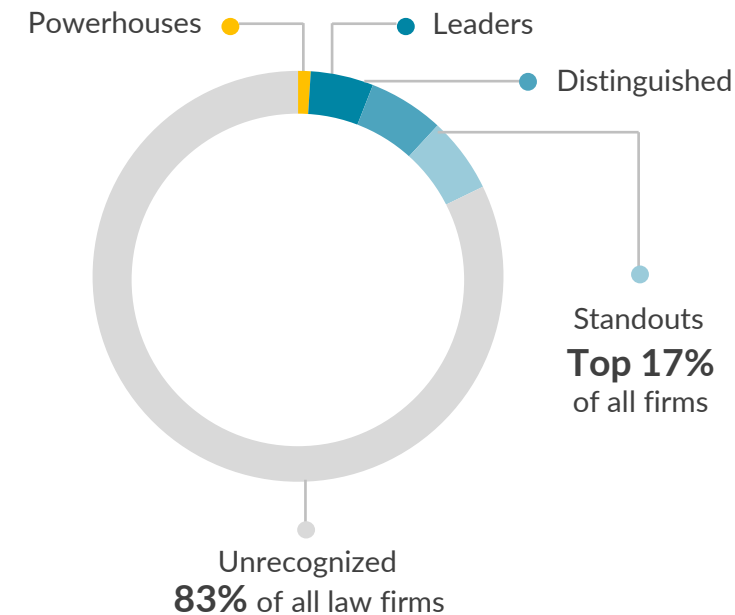
Litigation Standouts: IP Litigation

Standouts

- Ansa Assuncao
- ArentFox Schiff
- Baker McKenzie
- BakerHostetler
- Bartlit Beck
- Bird & Bird
- Cadwalader
- Caldwell Cassady & Curry
- Caldwell
- Cozen O'Connor
- Day Pitney
- Dorsey
- Duane Morris
- Dykema
- Faruki
- Fishman Stewart
- Flaster Greenberg
- Foley Hoag
- Greenberg Traurig
- Harness IP
- Haynes and Boone
- Kelly IP
- Latham & Watkins
- Lewis Brisbois
- Lewis Rice
- Lowenstein Sandler
- Merchant & Gould
- Nelson Mullins
- Norton Rose Fulbright
- Nutter
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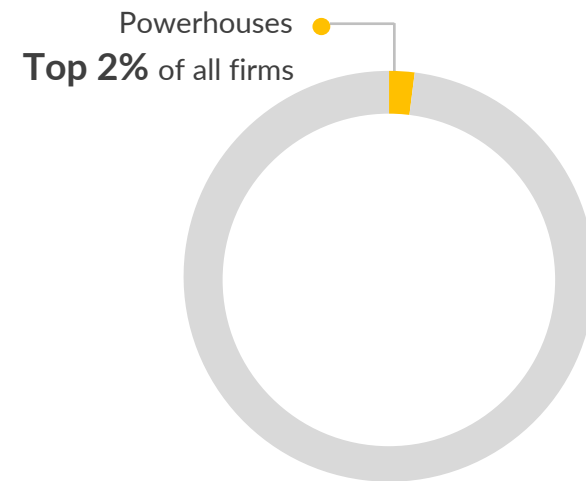
Litigation Powerhouses: Class Action Litigation

Powerhouses

- Arnold & Porter
- DLA Piper
- Gibson Dunn
- Jones Day
- King & Spalding
- Kirkland & Ellis
- Morgan Lewis
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- Orrick
- Quinn Emanuel
- Sidley
- Skadden



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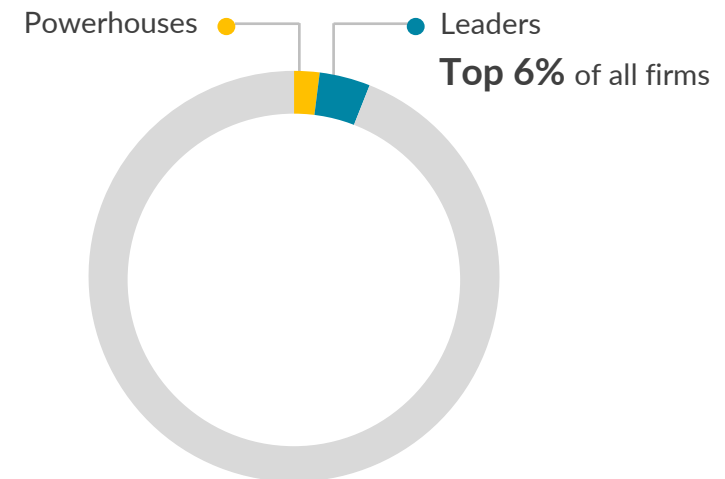
Litigation Leaders: Class Action Litigation

Leaders

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- Carlton Fields
- Coblentz Patch Duffy & Bass
- Cravath
- Dykema
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- Greenberg Traurig
- Hogan Lovells
- Hunton Andrews Kurth
- Jackson Walker
- Jenner & Block
- K&L Gates
- Kilpatrick Townsend
- Latham & Watkins
- Mayer Brown
- McGuireWoods
- Morrison & Foerster
- Perkins Coie
- Reed Smith
- Scopelitis, Garvin, Light, Hanson & Feary
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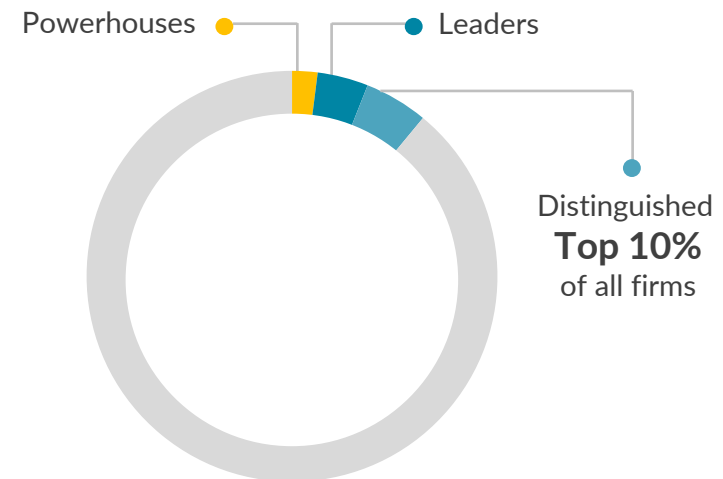
Litigation Distinguished: Class Action Litigation

Distinguished

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- Cooley
- Covington
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- Crowell
- Davis Polk
- Davis Wright Tremaine
- Dorsey
- Duane Morris
- Fasken
- Fish
- Fisher Phillips
- Hinshaw
- Hollingsworth
- Jackson Lewis
- Kelley Drye
- Manatt
- Nelson Mullins
- Paul, Weiss
- Poyner Spruill
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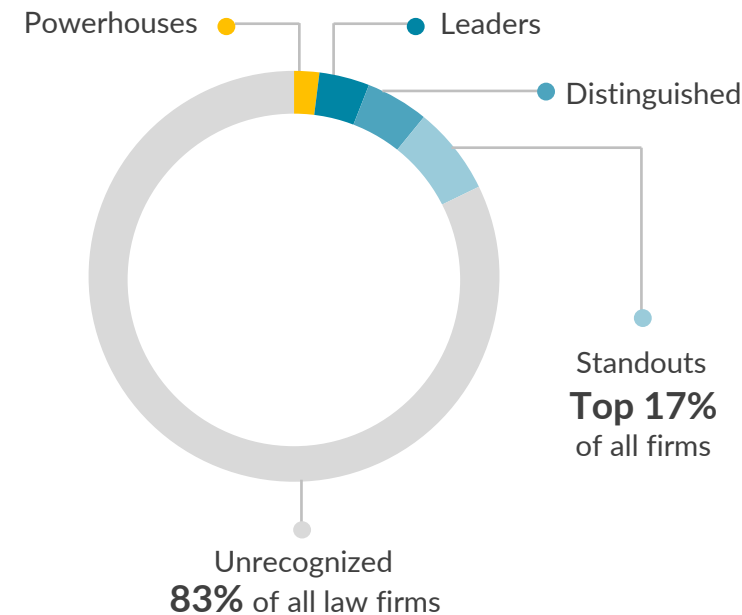
Litigation Standouts: Class Action Litigation

Standouts

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- Carmody
- Dowd Bennett
- Foley Hoag
- Forman Watkins & Krutz
- Fried Frank
- Goodwin
- Keegan Werlin
- Keker, Van Nest & Peters
- Lewis Brisbois
- Littler
- Littleton Joyce Ughetta & Kelly
- McDermott Will & Schulte
- Mintz
- Munger, Tolles & Olson
- O'Melveny
- Paul Hastings
- Payne & Fears
- Pierce Atwood
- Polsinelli
- Porter Wright
- Proskauer
- Quarles
- Ropes & Gray
- Shook, Hardy & Bacon
- Squire Patton Boggs
- Steptoe
- Stinson
- Stradley Ronon
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- Wiggin and Dana
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- Wilson Elser
- Womble Bond Dickinson



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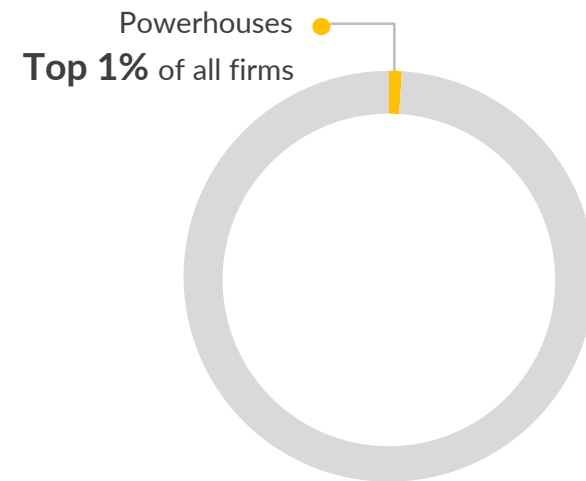
Litigation Powerhouses: Cybersecurity Litigation

Powerhouses

- BakerHostetler
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- Faegre Drinker
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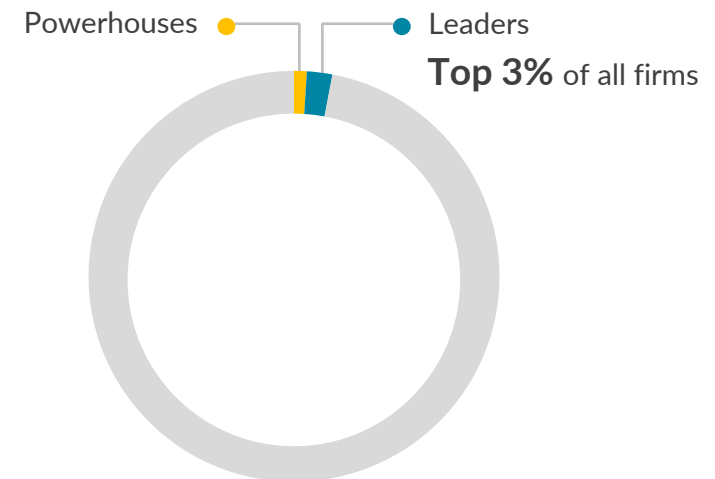
Litigation Leaders: Cybersecurity Litigation

Leaders

- Arnold & Porter
- Baker McKenzie
- Covington
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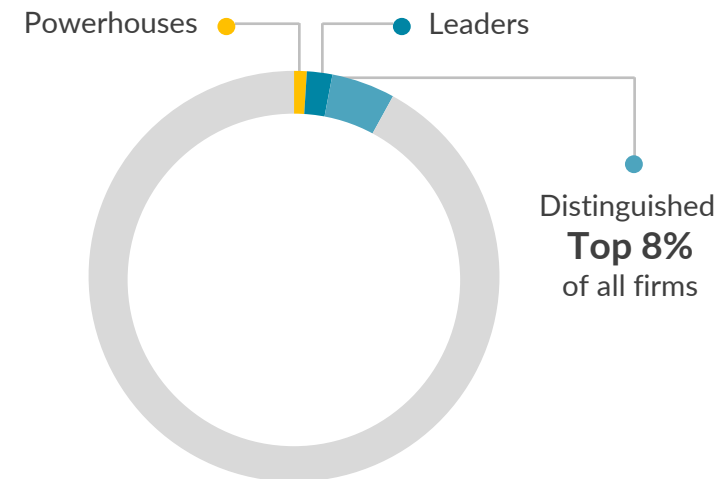
Litigation Distinguished: Cybersecurity Litigation

Distinguished

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- Butler Snow
- Carpenter Lipps
- Debevoise
- Dentons
- Duane Morris
- Fieldfisher
- Fried Frank
- Goodwin Procter
- Greenberg Traurig
- Holland & Knight
- Jackson Walker
- Jenner & Block
- K&L Gates
- Kelley Drye
- Manatt
- McDermott Will & Schulte
- McDonald Hopkins
- Morrison & Foerster
- Mullen Coughlin
- Paul, Weiss
- Reed Smith
- Ropes & Gray
- Sidley
- Steptoe
- Troutman Pepper Locke
- Venable
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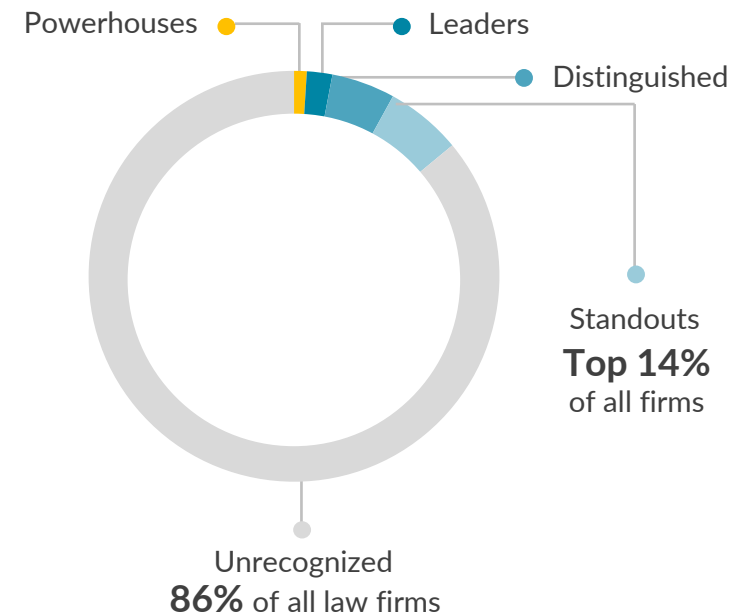
Litigation Standouts: Cybersecurity Litigation

Standouts

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- Cravath
- Crowell
- Davis Graham & Stubbs
- Davis Polk
- FisherBroyles
- Foley Hoag
- Gibson Dunn
- Gordon Rees Scully Mansukhani
- Husch Blackwell
- Kilpatrick
- Kirkland & Ellis
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- Lowenstein Sandler
- Maynard Nexsen
- McGuireWoods
- McMillan
- Mintz
- Nelson Mullins
- Nicolaides
- Norton Rose Fulbright
- Ogletree Deakins
- Osborne Clarke
- Polsinelli
- Poyner Spruill
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- Seyfarth
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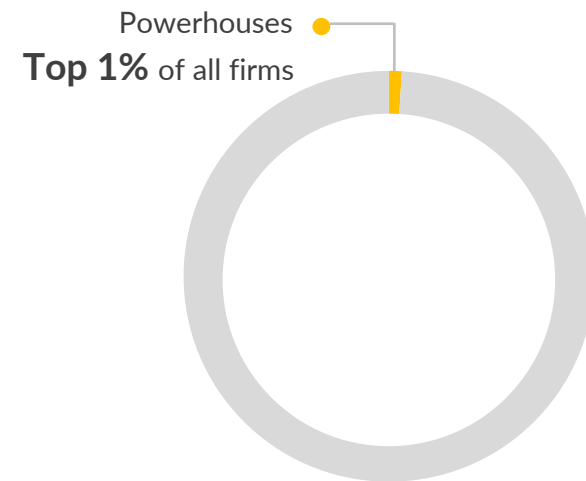
Litigation Powerhouses: Securities & Finance Litigation

Powerhouses

- Cooley
- Cravath
- Gibson Dunn
- King & Spalding
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- Latham & Watkins
- Skadden
- Sullivan & Cromwell
- Wilson Sonsini



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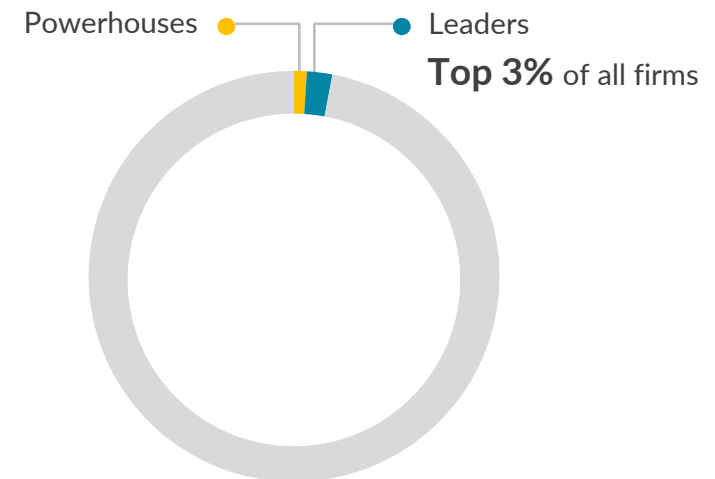
Litigation Leaders: Securities & Finance Litigation

Leaders

- Baker McKenzie
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- Davis Polk
- Hogan Lovells
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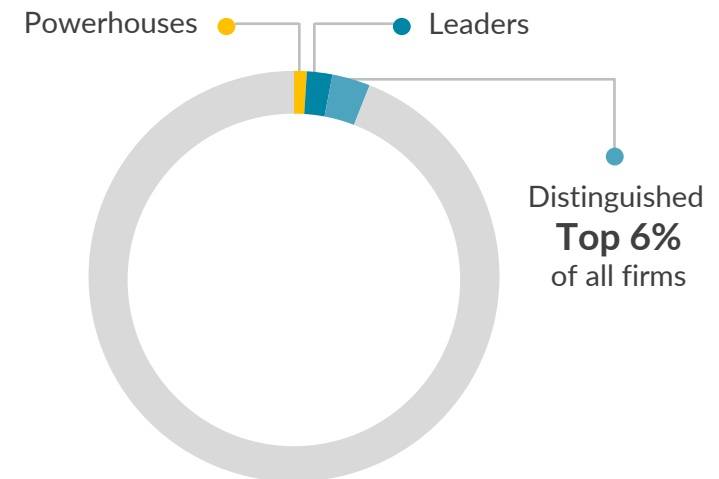
Litigation Distinguished: Securities & Finance Litigation

Distinguished

- Alston & Bird
- Carpenter Lipps
- Cleary Gottlieb
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- Fried Frank
- Holland & Knight
- Hunton Andrews Kurth
- Jackson Walker
- Jenner & Block
- K&L Gates
- McKool Smith
- Mintz
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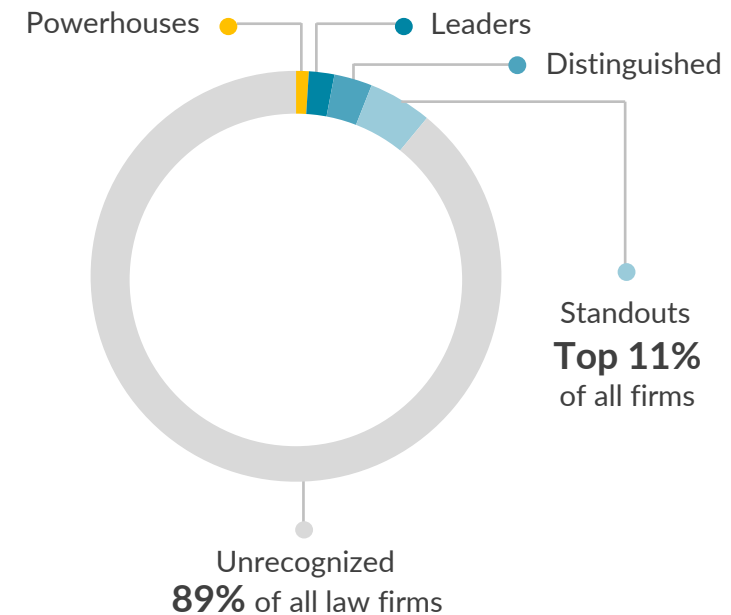
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- Dorsey
- Duane Morris
- Fasken
- Goodwin
- Hinshaw
- Kasowitz
- Littler
- McDermott Will & Schulte
- McGuireWoods
- Osborne Clarke
- Paul, Weiss
- Perkins Coie
- Poyner Spruill
- Quinn Emanuel
- Reed Smith
- Sheppard Mullin
- Simpson Thacher
- Steptoe
- Troutman Pepper Locke
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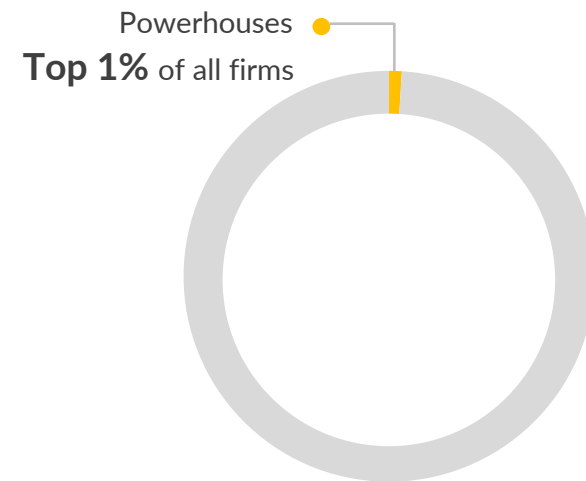
Litigation Powerhouses: Complex Employment Litigation

Powerhouses

- Fisher Phillips
- Jackson Lewis
- Jones Day
- Littler
- Mitchell Silberberg & Knupp
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- Ogletree Deakins
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- Seyfarth



Complex Employment Litigation
Law Firm Ranking



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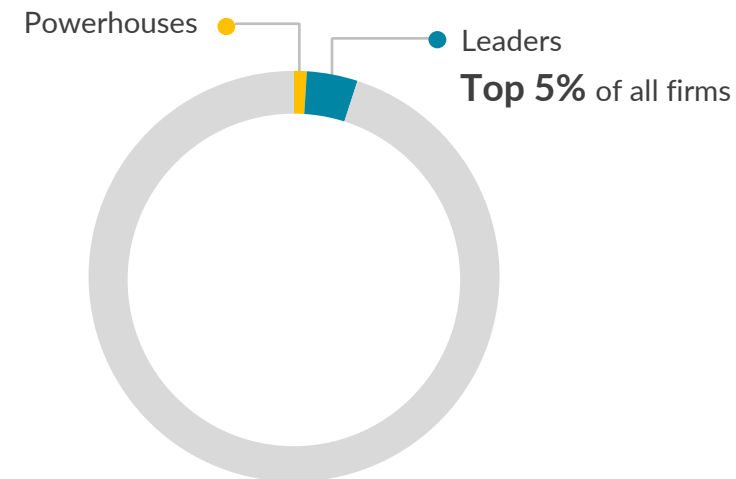
Litigation Leaders: Complex Employment Litigation

Leaders

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- Arnold & Porter
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- BakerHostetler
- Barnes & Thornburg
- Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner
- Cooley
- Crowell
- Dinsmore
- Duane Morris
- Faegre Drinker
- Fox Rothschild
- Gibson Dunn
- K&L Gates
- King & Spalding
- McDermott, Will & Schulte
- Norton Rose Fulbright
- Paul Hastings
- Perkins Coie
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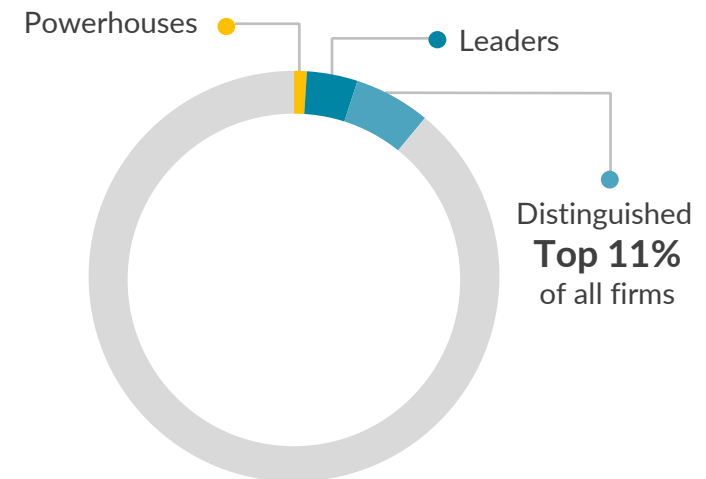
Litigation Distinguished: Complex Employment Litigation

Distinguished

- Akin
- Baker Donelson
- Benesch
- Cozen O'Connor
- Davis Wright Tremaine
- Day Pitney
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- Epstein Becker Green
- Fasken
- Fried Frank
- Gallo Vitucci Klar
- Gordon Rees Scully Mansukhani
- Hinshaw
- Holland & Knight
- Hunton Andrews Kurth
- Husch Blackwell
- Jackson Walker
- Katten
- Kilpatrick
- Kullman
- Maynard Nexsen
- McGuireWoods
- Nyemaster
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- Quinn Emanuel
- Reminger
- Thompson Coe
- Thompson Hine
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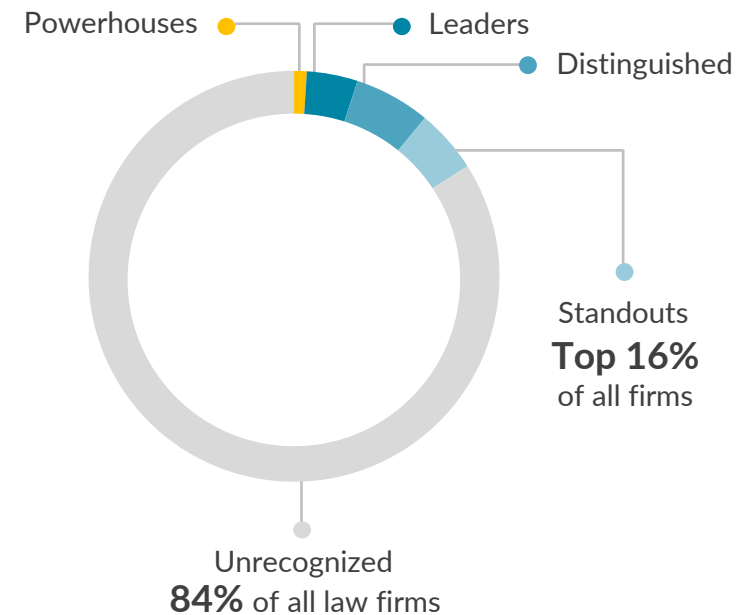
Litigation Standouts: Complex Employment Litigation

Standouts

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- Bartlit Beck
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- Bradley
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- Carlton Fields
- Carmody
- Carpenter Lipps
- DLA Piper
- Dowd Bennett
- Foley & Lardner
- Foley Hoag
- FordHarrison
- Greenberg Traurig
- Hogan Lovells
- Jones Walker
- Kelley Drye
- Kirkland & Ellis
- Kutak Rock
- Latham & Watkins
- Mintz
- Morgan, Brown & Joy
- Morrison & Foerster
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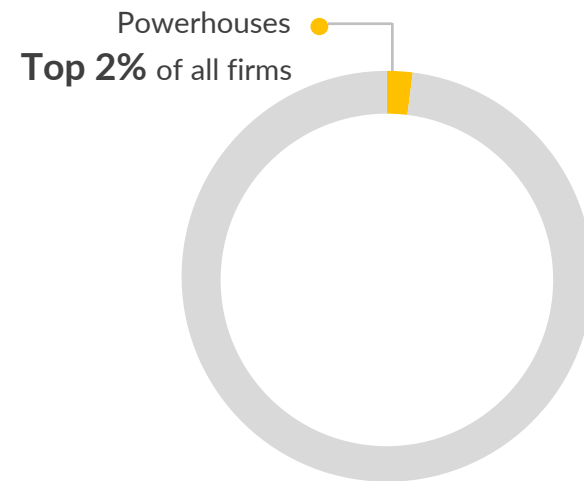
Litigation Powerhouses: Employment Litigation

Powerhouses

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- Epstein Becker Green
- Fox Rothschild
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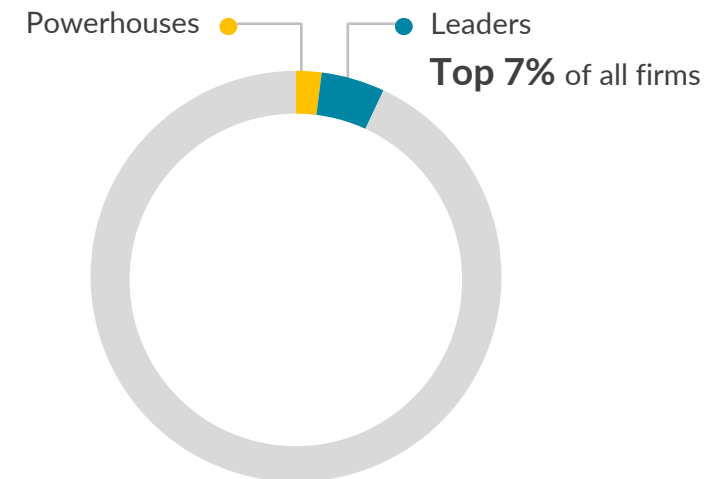
Litigation Leaders: Employment Litigation

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- Dinsmore
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- King & Spalding
- Kullman
- Lewis Brisbois
- Mitchell Silberberg & Knupp
- Morgan Lewis
- Nyemaster
- O'Melveny
- Orrick
- Perkins Coie
- Pillsbury
- Proskauer
- Quarles
- Thompson Coe
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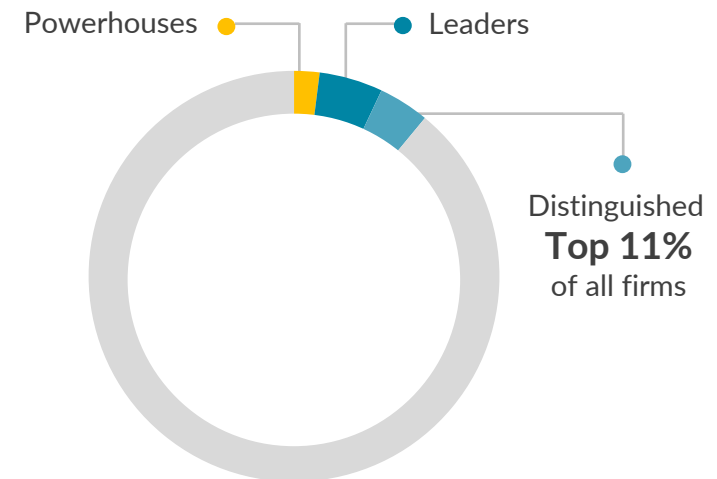
Litigation Distinguished: Employment Litigation

Distinguished

- Baker Donelson
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- Bell Nunnally & Martin
- Blank Rome
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- Day Pitney
- Faegre Drinker
- Fasken
- Foley Hoag
- FordHarrison
- Greenberg Traurig
- Hanson Bridgett
- Holland & Hart
- Holland & Knight
- K&L Gates
- McElroy Deutsch
- McGuireWoods
- Michael Best
- Norton Rose Fulbright
- Payne & Fears
- Porter Wright
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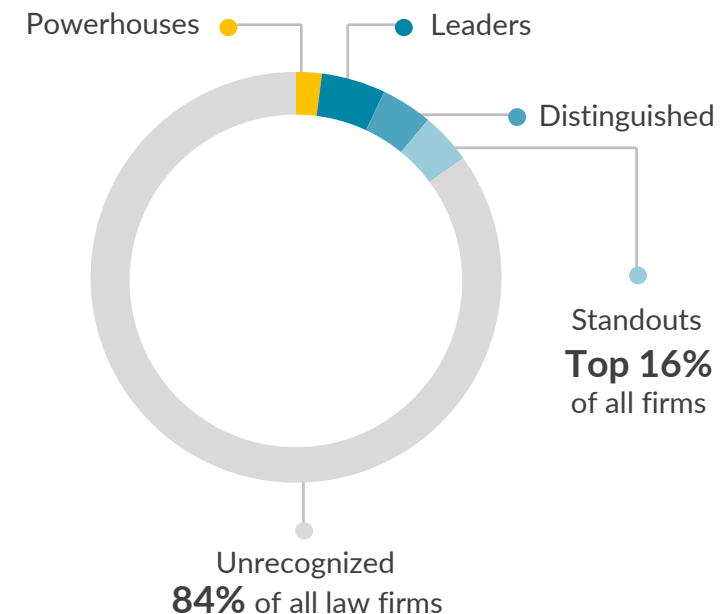
Litigation Standouts: Employment Litigation

Standouts

- Akin
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- Brooks Wilkins Sharkey & Turco
- Carmody
- Cassidy Schade
- Cole Pedroza
- Eckert Seamans
- Foley & Lardner
- Hoover Hull Turner
- Husch Blackwell
- Ice Miller
- Keating Muething & Klekamp
- Kutak Rock
- Lowenstein Sandler
- McLane Middleton
- Miller & Chevalier
- Mintz
- Morgan, Brown & Joy
- Morrison Mahoney
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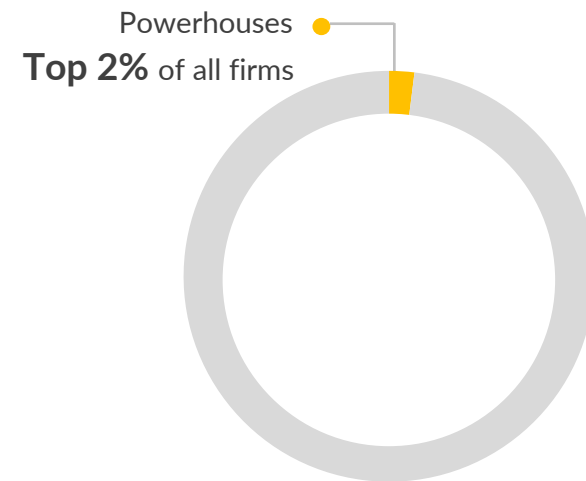
Litigation Powerhouses: Product Liability Litigation

Powerhouses

- Arnold & Porter
- DLA Piper
- Jones Day
- King & Spalding
- Kirkland & Ellis
- Nelson Mullins
- Perkins Coie
- Quinn Emanuel
- Shook, Hardy & Bacon
- Wheeler Trigg O'Donnell



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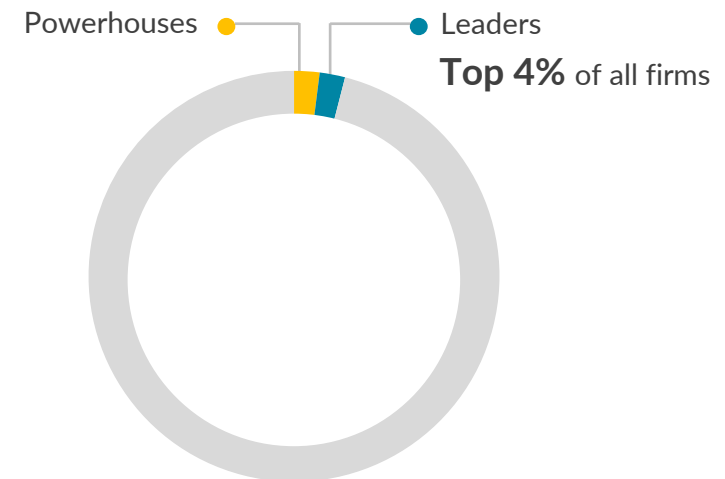
Litigation Leaders: Product Liability Litigation

Leaders

- Carpenter Lipps
- Dentons
- Fox Rothschild
- Gibbons
- Gibson Dunn
- Gordon Rees Scully Mansukhani
- Greenberg Traurig
- Hinshaw
- Hunton Andrews Kurth
- Husch Blackwell
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- O'Melveny
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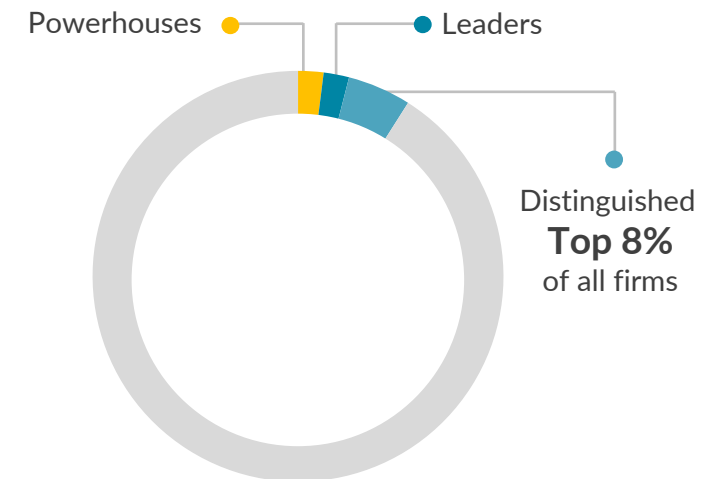
Litigation Distinguished: Product Liability Litigation

Distinguished

- Akin
- Alston & Bird
- Baker McKenzie
- BakerHostetler
- Barnes & Thornburg
- Butler Snow
- Cooley
- Davis Polk
- Dykema
- Germer
- Goldberg Segalla
- Greene Espel
- Hollingsworth
- Jackson Walker
- Jenner & Block
- Kasowitz
- Kelley Drye
- Littler
- Manatt
- Manning Kass
- McDowell Heathersington
- Morrison & Foerster
- Ropes & Gray
- Skadden
- Swanson, Martin & Bell
- Vorys
- Warner Norcross + Judd
- Williams & Connolly
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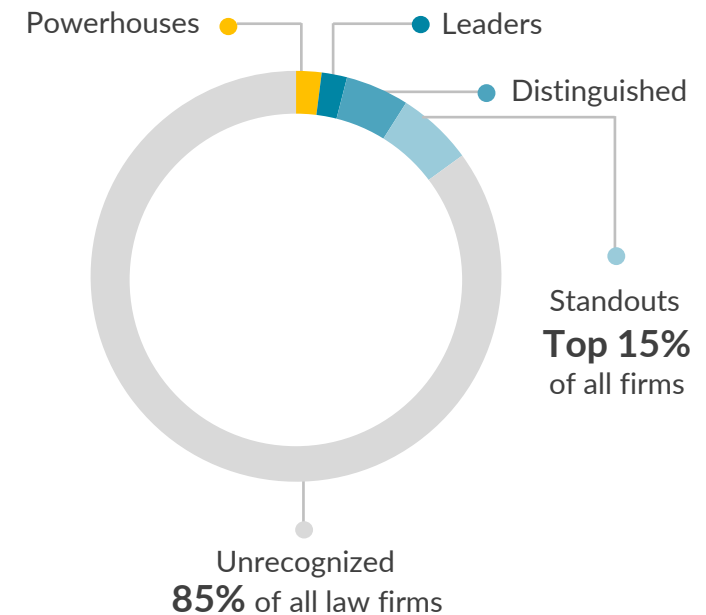
Standouts

- ArentFox Schiff
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- Covington
- Cozen O'Connor
- Crowell
- Dechert
- Devine Millimet
- Dowd Bennett
- Faegre Drinker
- Fasken
- Foley & Lardner
- Frost Brown Todd
- Goodwin Procter
- Hogan Lovells
- Keating Muething & Klekamp
- Kennedys
- Kilpatrick
- Lewis Brisbois
- Mayer Brown
- McGlinchey Stafford
- McGuireWoods
- Mintz
- Mitchell Silberberg & Knupp
- Munger, Tolles & Olson
- Patterson Belknap
- Pietragallo
- Polsinelli
- Poyner Spruill
- Riley Safer Holmes & Cancila
- Saul Ewing
- Susman Godfrey
- Thompson Hine
- Vinson & Elkins
- Wachtell Lipton
- WilmerHale
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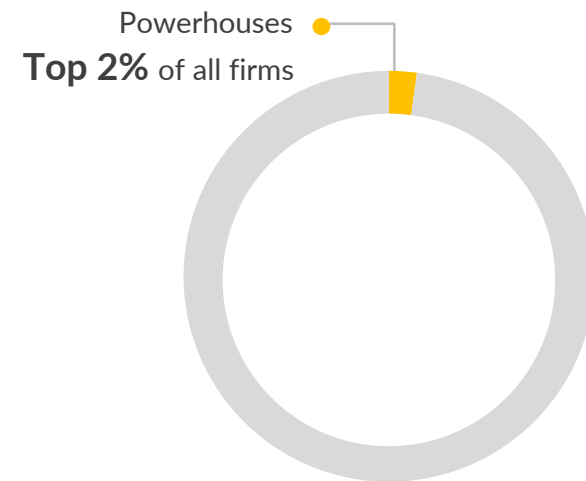
Litigation Powerhouses: Complex Commercial Litigation

Powerhouses

- Alston & Bird
- Arnold & Porter
- Gibson Dunn
- Hogan Lovells
- Jenner & Block
- Jones Day
- King & Spalding
- Kirkland & Ellis
- Nelson Mullins
- Orrick
- Skadden
- Troutman Pepper Locke



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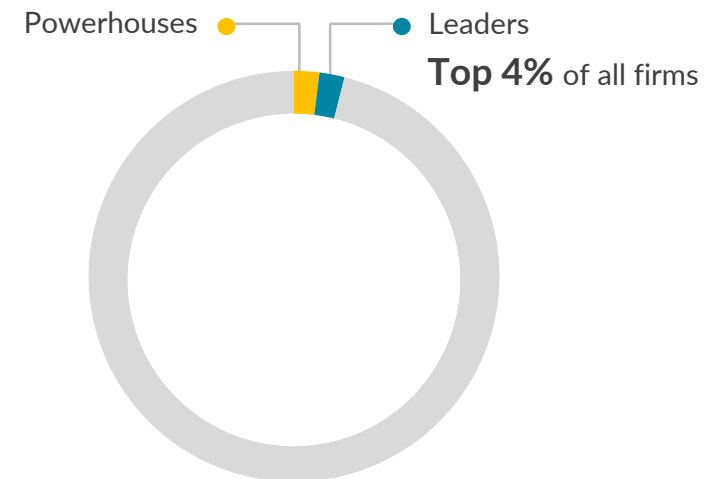
Litigation Leaders: Complex Commercial Litigation

Leaders

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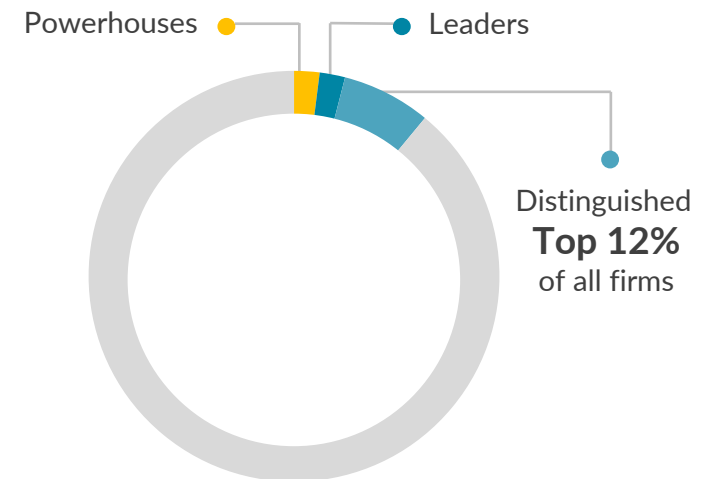
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- Greenberg Traurig
- Holland & Knight
- Hollingsworth
- Hueston Hennigan
- Hunton Andrews Kurth
- Jackson Walker
- Jones Walker
- Katten
- Kecker, Van Nest & Peters
- Kelley Drye
- Kilpatrick
- Manatt
- Mayer Brown
- Morrison & Foerster
- O'Melveny
- Patterson Belknap
- Paul Hastings
- Paul, Weiss
- Quarles
- Reed Smith
- Ropes & Gray
- Saul Ewing
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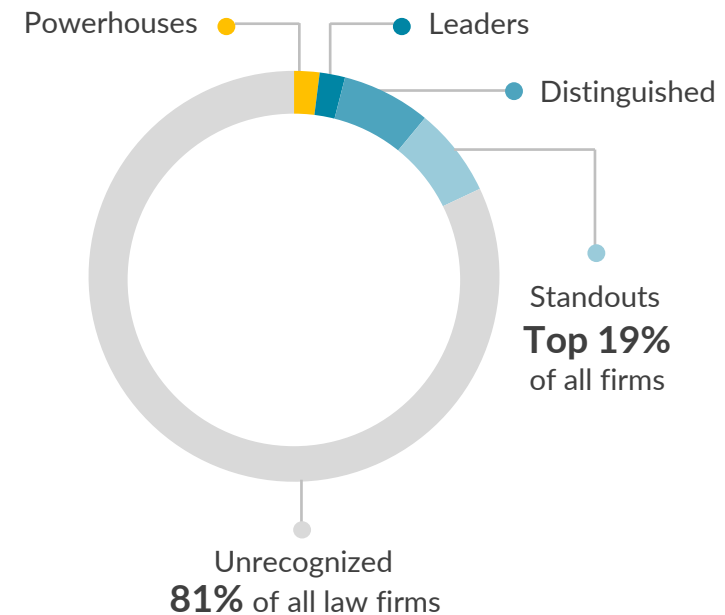
Litigation Standouts: Complex Commercial Litigation

Standouts

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- Covington
- Day Pitney
- Dechert
- Dorsey
- Dowd Bennett
- Fabiani Cohen & Hall
- Fox Rothschild
- Gordon Rees Scully Mansukhani
- Hinckley Allen
- Hinshaw
- Jackson Lewis
- Kennedys
- Maynard Nexsen
- McDermott Will & Schulte
- Nicolaides
- Nixon Peabody
- Ogletree Deakins
- Osborne Clarke
- Osler
- Polsinelli
- Porter Wright
- Poyner Spruill
- Proskauer
- Riker Danzig
- Seyfarth
- Shook, Hardy & Bacon
- Simmons & Simmons
- Stradley Ronon
- Sullivan & Cromwell
- Thompson Hine
- UB Greensfelder
- Vinson & Elkins
- Wachtell Lipton
- Weil
- Wheeler Trigg O'Donnell
- White and Williams
- Willkie
- Winston & Strawn
- Womble Bond Dickinson



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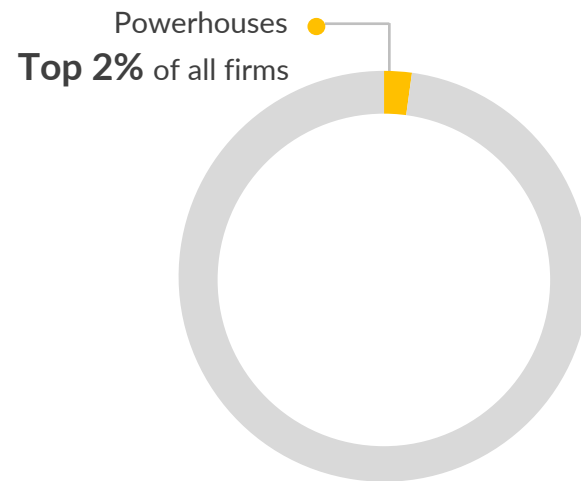
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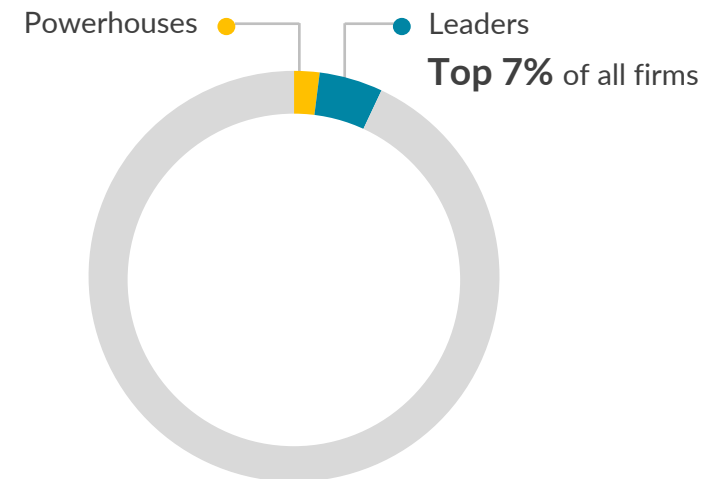
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- Kirkland & Ellis
- Kutak Rock
- Loeb & Loeb
- McGuireWoods
- Mintz
- Norton Rose Fulbright
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- Quarles
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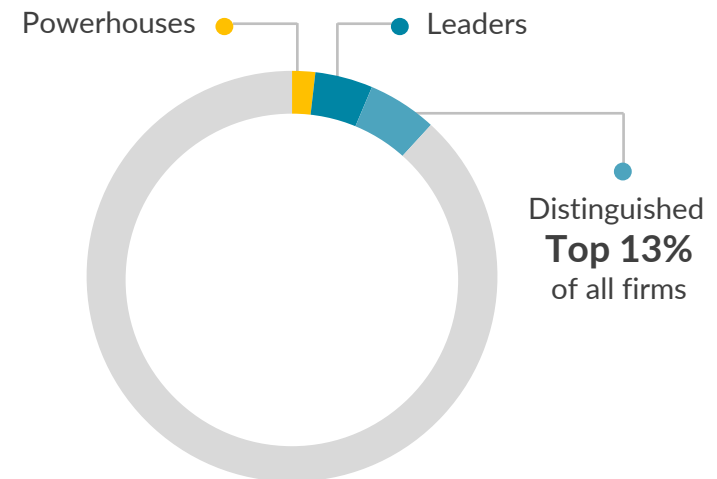
Litigation Distinguished: Commercial Litigation

Distinguished

- Axinn
- BakerHostetler
- Barnes & Thornburg
- Buchanan
- Clyde & Co
- Coblenz Patch Duffy & Bass
- Cravath
- Crowell
- Dinsmore
- Dorsey
- Eimer Stahl
- Eversheds Sutherland
- GrayRobinson
- Greenberg Traurig
- Hogan Lovells
- Holland & Knight
- Hughes Hubbard & Reed
- Jackson Walker
- Kecker, Van Nest & Peters
- Kelley Drye
- Latham & Watkins
- Mayer Brown
- McGlinchey Stafford
- Morrison & Foerster
- Nyemaster
- O'Melveny
- Osler
- Pillsbury
- Poyner Spruill
- Procopio
- Pryor Cashman
- Tonkon Torp
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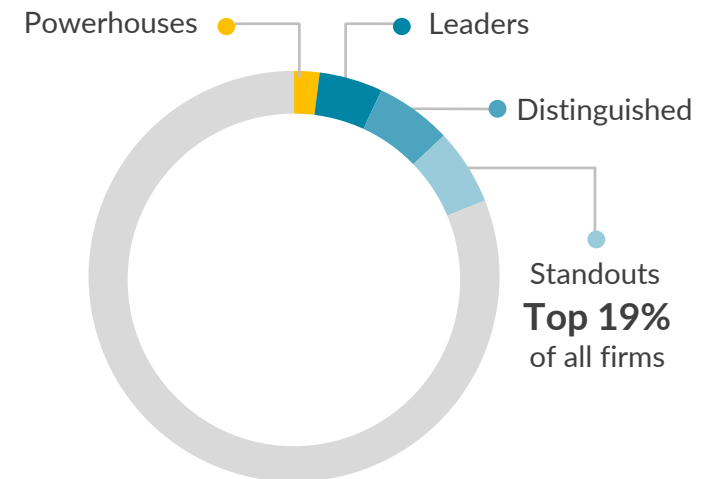
Litigation Standouts: Commercial Litigation

Standouts

- ArentFox Schiff
- Baker Botts
- Bradley
- Bressler, Amery & Ross
- Buchalter
- Carmody
- Carpenter Lipps
- Constangy
- Davis+Gilbert
- Day Pitney
- Dowd Bennett
- Fabiani Cohen & Hall
- Genova Burns
- Gowling WLG
- Hall Render
- Hanson Bridgett
- Hinckley Allen
- Hunton Andrews Kurth
- Ice Miller
- Kenney & Sams
- Manatt
- Marshall Dennehey
- Miller & Chevalier
- Miller Barondess
- Morrison Mahoney
- Orrick
- Polsinelli
- Proskauer
- Robins Kaplan
- Ropes & Gray
- Seyfarth
- Shapiro Arato Bach
- Shook, Hardy & Bacon
- Shutts & Bowen
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- Vorys
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Litigation Noteworthy: Commercial Litigation

Noteworthy

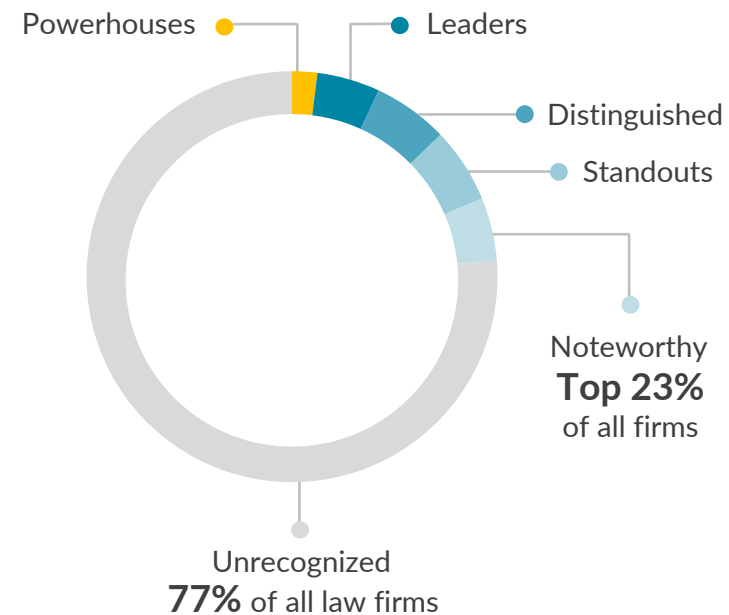
- Armstrong Teasdale
- Baird Holm
- Ballard Spahr
- Blank Rome
- Butler Snow
- Chambliss
- Choate
- Clark Hill
- Cozen O'Connor
- Davis Polk
- Goodwin Procter
- Henson Efron
- Herrick
- Keating Muething & Klekamp
- Kennedys
- McKool Smith
- Nicolaides
- Nixon Peabody
- Osborne Clarke
- Paul, Weiss
- Porter Wright
- Riker Danzig
- Shipman & Goodwin
- Susman Godfrey
- Swanson, Martin & Bell
- Thompson Hine
- UBGreensfelder
- Venable
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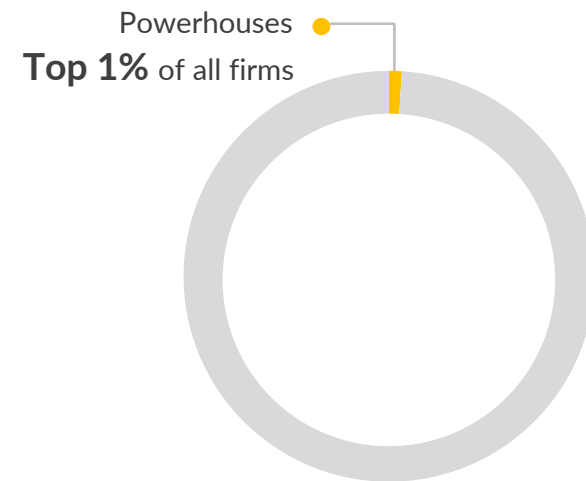
Litigation Powerhouses: Generative AI Litigation

Powerhouses

- Cooley
- DLA Piper
- Faegre Drinker
- Latham & Watkins
- Orrick
- Wilson Sonsini



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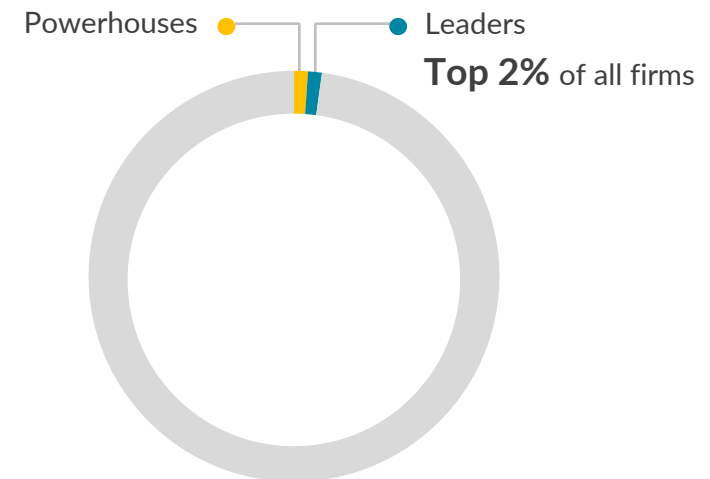
Litigation Leaders: Generative AI Litigation

Leaders

- Arnold & Porter
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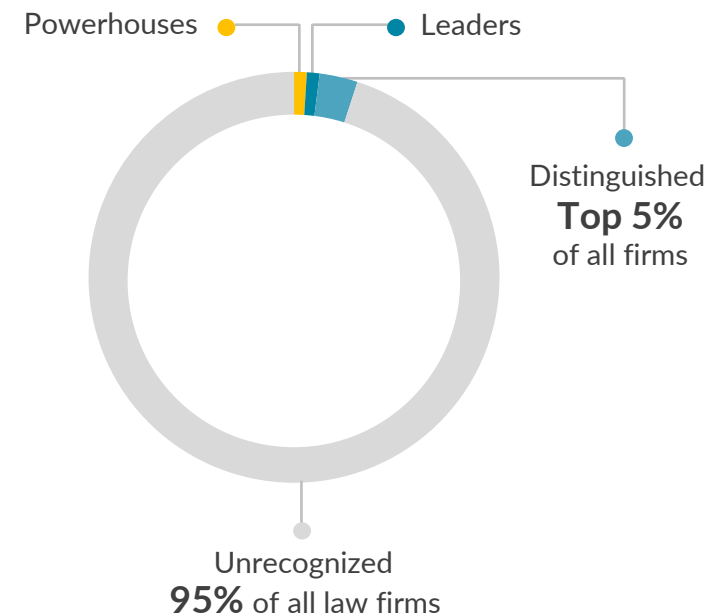
Litigation Distinguished: Generative AI Litigation

Distinguished

- Akin
- ArentFox Schiff
- Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner
- Cleary Gottlieb
- Covington
- Cowan Liebowitz & Latman
- Debevoise
- Dentons
- Duane Morris
- Husch Blackwell
- Jackson Walker
- King & Spalding
- Morgan Lewis
- Osler
- Poyner Spruill
- Sidley
- Steptoe
- Warner Norcross + Judd
- Womble Bond Dickinson
- Zwillgen



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The BTI Fearsome Foursome

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Special congratulations to Quinn Emanuel for its 4th year in a row as the Number 1 Most Feared Law Firm in 2026.

Quinn Emanuel

Kirkland & Ellis

Skadden

Gibson Dunn



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The BTI Feared: The Most Feared Law Firms in Litigation

Feared

- Boies Schiller Flexner
- Cravath
- Greenberg Traurig
- Husch Blackwell
- Jones Day
- Latham & Watkins
- Susman Godfrey
- Troutman Pepper Locke
- Wachtell Lipton
- Weil
- Williams & Connolly
- WilmerHale



The BTI Awesome Opponents: The Most Feared Law Firms in Litigation

Awesome Opponents

- Ahmad, Zavitsanos & Mensing
- Alston & Bird
- ArentFox Schiff
- Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo
- Bartlit Beck
- Bondurant Mixson & Elmore
- Clare Locke
- Cooley
- Covington
- Debevoise
- Dentons
- Duane Morris
- Faegre Drinker
- Fish
- Fried Frank
- Glaser Weil
- Hogan Lovells
- Hueston Hennigan
- Irell & Manella
- Jackson Lewis
- Jenner & Block
- Jones Walker
- Kasowitz
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- Littler
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- McKool Smith
- Morgan Lewis
- Morrison & Foerster
- Nelson Mullins
- O'Melveny
- Orrick
- Paul Hastings
- Paul, Weiss
- Perkins Coie
- Robins Kaplan
- Ropes & Gray
- Sidley
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The BTI Intimidating Opponents: The Most Feared Law Firms in Litigation

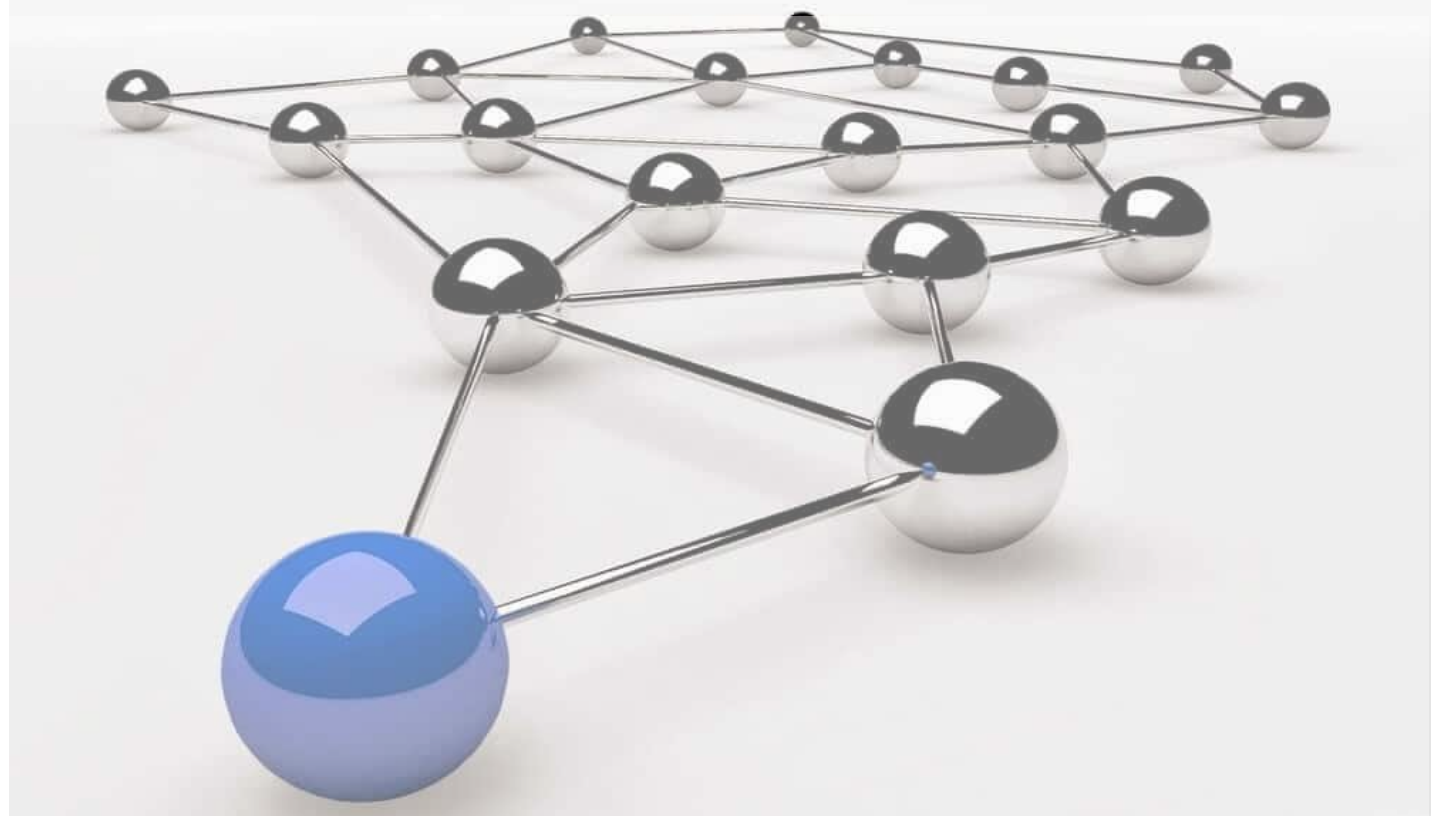
Intimidating Opponents

- Akin
- Anderson Kill
- Arnold & Porter
- BakerHostetler
- Ballard Spahr
- Bernstein Litowitz Berger & Grossmann
- Carpenter Lipps
- Cleary Gottlieb
- Davis Wright Tremaine
- Dechert
- Desmarais
- DLA Piper
- Dowd Bennett
- Fasken
- Finnegan
- Foley Hoag
- Goodwin
- Gordon Rees Scully Mansukhani
- Goulston & Storrs
- Hecker Fink
- Jackson Walker
- Manatt
- McGuireWoods
- Mintz
- Motley Rice
- Osler
- Pillsbury
- Proskauer
- Quarles
- Robinson+Cole
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- Wiley
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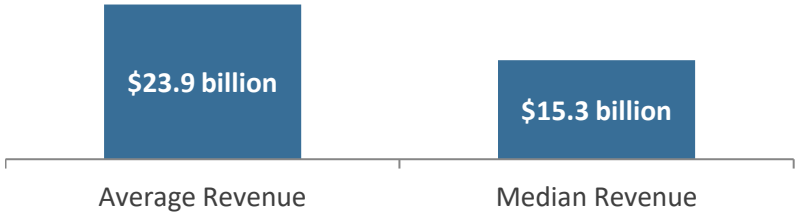


Our Methodology and Approach

INDEPENDENT, ORGANIC, UNBIASED RESEARCH, BASED SOLELY ON CLIENT FEEDBACK

Survey Participant Demographics	
Research	More than 350 in-depth surveys
Time Frame	Primarily between February 2025 and August 2025
Incentives	Respondents receive a complimentary report of benchmarks and metrics

Legal Decision Makers Responsible for Litigation	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Head of Litigation• Chief and Vice President of Litigation• General Counsel/Chief Legal Officer• Direct report to General Counsel	
Organizations with Highest Levels of Legal Spending	



Representative of more than 15 Industry Segments
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Banking• Chemicals• Consumer Goods• Energy• Financial Services• Food & Agricultural• Health Care• High Tech• Insurance• Manufacturing• Pharmaceuticals• Professional Services• Retail Trade• Real Estate• Telecom• Transportation• Utilities• Wholesale Trade

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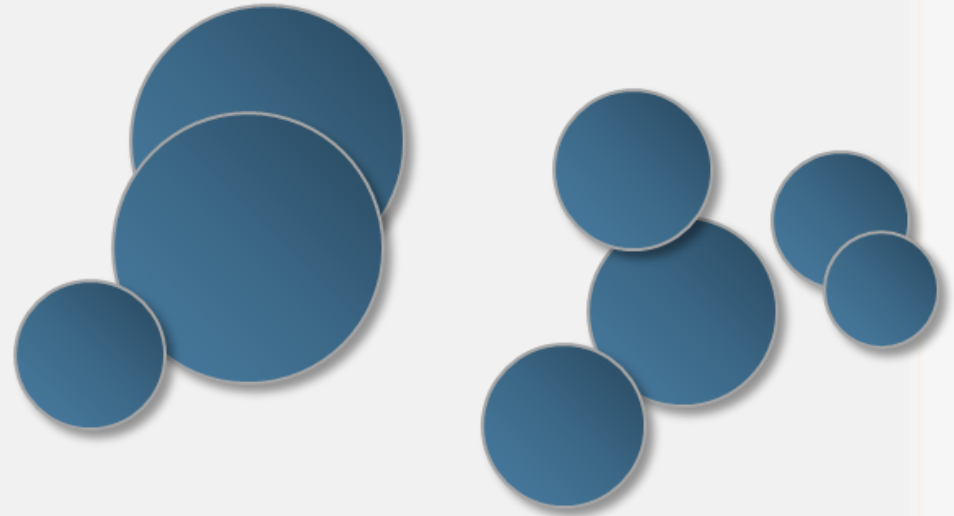
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