## CORPORATE COUNSEL

## PATENT LITIGATION SURVEY

The Busiest Firms Overall

Rank 2012	Rank 2011	Firm Name	Total District Court Cases
1	1	Fish & Richardson	173
2	3	Jones Day	125
3	21	Kilpatrick Townsend*	111
4	31	Niro, Haller & Niro	105
5	6	Kirkland	96
6	9	DLA Piper w	91
7	7	Perkins Coie	90
8	2	Finnegan Henderson	88
9	5	Winston & Strawn	87
10	8	Greenberg Traurig	81
10	12	Foley & Lardner	81
12	9	Cooley	78
13	13	Alston	77
14	14	K&L Gates	74
15	9	Baker Botts	64
15	18	Knobbe	64
17	16	Morrison & Foerster	63
17	29	Wilmer	63

**Connolly Bove** 

**Robins Kaplan** 

Morgan Lewis

Ropes & Gray

**Fulbright** 

McCarter & English

Kenyon & Kenyon

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For the Defense			
Rank 2012	Rank 2011	Firm Name	Defense Cases
1	1	Fish & Richardson	131
2	14	Kilpatrick Townsend*	98
3	2	Jones Day	94
4	9	DLA Piper	80
5	8	Kirkland	77
6	5	Perkins Coie	74
6	4	Winston & Strawn	74
8	10	Alston	68
9	10	Greenberg Traurig	66
10	16	Foley & Lardner	65
11	10	Cooley	61
12	6	Baker Botts	58
13	18	K&L Gates	57
14		Morgan Lewis	56
15	3	Finnegan Henderson	54
16	13	Morrison & Foerster	51
17	22	Wilson Sonsini	49
18		Gibson Dunn	47
19	20	Fulbright	46

## **METHODOLOGY**

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Earlier this year, *Corporate Counsel* contacted more than 300 law firms and asked them to provide us with a list of patent lawsuits they either filed on behalf of plaintiffs in federal district court in 2011 or were hired to defend against. To be considered for this survey, the cases in question had to be active as of the end of 2011. We did not count cases before the International Trade Commission or appellate courts. Some firms listed multiple district court cases with the same plaintiff. We did not rank firms that served as local counsel in the bulk of cases submitted. As such, some firms this year were excluded from our rankings. For example, Delaware-based Potter Anderson & Corroon would have ranked third overall, with 115 cases.

