

The 2018 Regional Powerhouses

Law360 (August 31, 2018, 8:08 PM EDT) -- The law firms on Law360's list of 2018 Regional Powerhouses are handling some of the biggest deals and most high-profile courtroom battles across eight states, offering clients regional expertise and making a lasting impact on the law at the state and local level.



Here, Law360 examines the forces driving legal work in California, Texas, Florida, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Illinois and Massachusetts, and the accomplishments of the firms leading the pack.

CALIFORNIA

Calif. Powerhouses Leverage Top Talent In Legal Gold Rush

The continuing growth of California's economy has fueled a legal industry gold rush across practice areas, and the eight firms selected as Law360's 2018 California Powerhouses have excelled at attracting top talent and the state's increasing book of business, from class actions targeting tech giants to deals and disputes in the sports and entertainment industries.

BEST BEST & KRIEGER | FARELLA BRAUN | GIBSON DUNN | KILPATRICK TOWNSEND | MORRISON & FOERSTER | MUNGER TOLLES | ORRICK | SHEPPARD MULLIN

DELAWARE

Del. Powerhouses On Cutting Edge As Cases, Courts Grow

Growing courts, big cases and equally big decisions marked the last year for Law360's 2018 Delaware Powerhouses, keeping the state and the attorneys who practice there in the vanguard of corporate, bankruptcy and intellectual property law.

FISH & RICHARDSON | GRANT & EISENHOFER | MORRIS NICHOLS | RICHARDS LAYTON | SKADDEN

FLORIDA

Fla. Powerhouses Help State Excel On The Global Stage

The firms selected as Law360's 2018 Florida Powerhouses reflect the diverse character of the state in their varied histories, sizes and strategies while capitalizing on its rapidly growing industries and status as a crossroads of global business.

BILZIN SUMBERG | GREENBERG TRAUERIG | HOGAN LOVELLS | HOLLAND & KNIGHT | NELSON MULLINS

ILLINOIS

III. Powerhouses Shine With Real Estate Deals, Trial Prowess

Law360's 2018 Illinois Powerhouses helped iconic Chicago-based clients secure equally iconic deals, including the first renovation at Willis Tower and mixed-use development around Wrigley Field, and leveraged their trial expertise to wipe out nearly \$300 million worth of adverse verdicts.

DENTONS | EDELSON | KIRKLAND & ELLIS | SCHIFF HARDIN | SWANSON MARTIN

MASSACHUSETTS

Innovation Economy Drives Massachusetts Powerhouses

The word in the Bay State's legal market is "innovation," with intellectual property litigation, major deals involving local pharmaceutical and technology companies and new businesses making some of the biggest splashes over the past year for the four firms that make up Law360's Massachusetts Powerhouses for 2018.

FOLEY HOAG | GOODWIN PROCTER | MINTZ LEVIN | ROPES & GRAY

NEW JERSEY

NJ Powerhouses Seize Sports Betting, Pot Law Opportunities

While the abundant pharmaceutical, health care and government affairs sectors remain key business drivers for law firms doing business in New Jersey, the recent legalization of sports betting and the burgeoning cannabis industry means Garden State attorneys are busier than ever. That momentum has met its match in Law360's 2018 New Jersey Powerhouses.

BLANK ROME | FOX ROTHSCHILD | GIBBONS | PASHMAN STEIN | SILLS CUMMIS

PENNSYLVANIA

Broad Pa. Economy Helping Boost State's Powerhouse Firms

A well rounded and increasingly strong state economy, aided by industries from health care and pharmaceuticals to energy and technology, is helping buoy the five firms chosen as Law360's Pennsylvania Powerhouses for 2018 as they use their strong foundations in the commonwealth to expand both across the country and overseas.

BALLARD SPAHR | COZEN O'CONNOR | DUANE MORRIS | MORGAN LEWIS | PEPPER HAMILTON

TEXAS

Strong Local Economy A Springboard For Texas Powerhouses

The recovery of oil prices and the continued influx of out-of-state firms entering the Texas legal market led to an active and competitive year for firms statewide, but five law firms edged out the rest with work including paving the way for the purchase of the Houston Rockets, opening the door for major retailers like Walmart Inc. to sell liquor in Texas and reshaping oilfield ownership.

BAKER BOTTS | HAYNES & BOONE | MCKOOL SMITH | SUSMAN GODFREY | VINSON & ELKINS