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Last year, the firm launched the LA Office Foundation, which was funded with contributions from L.A.based partners and matched by the firm. The foundation partnered with Vista Del Mar Child and Family Services to help establish a new substance abuse disorder treatment center for children ages 12-17.

Downtown Relocation

Reed Smith relocated its 110person downtown office to City National Plaza at 515 S. Flower St. The firm's new space covers more than 41,000 square feet on two floors, providing room to grow. Features of the newly renovated space include universally sized offices and hoteling work stations, as well as three conference rooms and two special-purpose areas integrated with the firm's HD video conferencing technology. The new office tower holds an Energy Star label and LEED Platinum certification, the highest level available.

At 350 S. Grand Ave., two firms relocated offices within the past uear from elsewhere within downtown. Sheppard Mullin moved its headquarters to Bunker Hill.

"Our downtown Los Angeles office is our largest office and continues to add leadership and depth across our practices. A new, modern and efficient workspace will accommodate both immediate and future growth needs," said Luca Salvi, chair of Sheppard Mullin, in a statement.

Alston & Bird moved to the same building last year and it added a new office in Century City. Recent matters for the firm include representing Beverly Hills-based Platinum Equity as debt financing counsel in its acquisition of a majority interest in dairy products brands Horizon Organic and Wallaby from Danone.

Meanwhile, Hanson Bridgett marked the 10th anniversary of its Los Angeles office by relocating to the CalEdison DTLA, where it nearly doubled the size of its previous office.

-David Nusbaum

he 125 largest law firms with offices in Los Angeles County employ more than 9,000 attorneys in local offices. That includes 3,780 partners, plus associates, counsel and other staff attorneys.

Firms handle litigation and transactional work across a diverse range of industries spanning entertainment, finance, aerospace, media and others. The two largest firms have roots in Los Angeles. Gibson Dunn & Crutcher LLP, the largest firm with 317 local attorneys between offices in Century City and DTLA, was founded in Los Angeles in 1890, but does not recognize an official headquarters location as an international firm. It has more than 2,000 attorneys in 21 offices worldwide. Los Angeles-based Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP, which has offices in Century City and DTLA, is the only other firm with more than 300 attorneys in Los Angeles.

There are a total of 166 offices for the firms listed because some firms have multiple offices. Firms with dual locations tend to handle more entertainment work in Century City while downtown firms may handle more litigation.

Overall, the top 125 firms employ more than 16,000 people in Los Angeles County.



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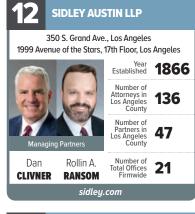
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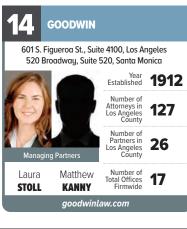
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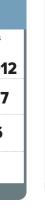


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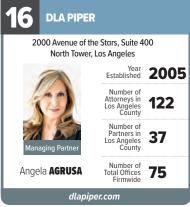




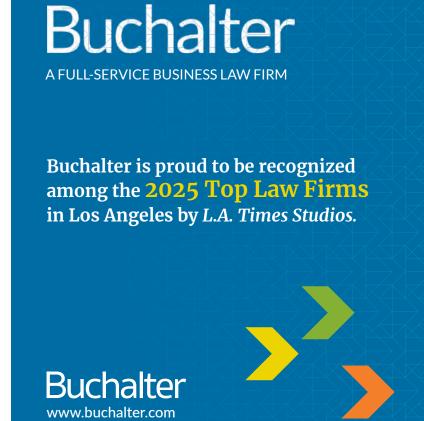












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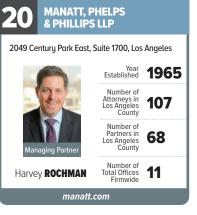
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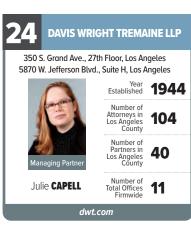


















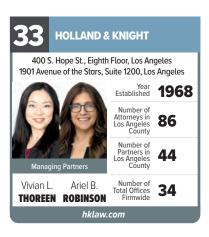












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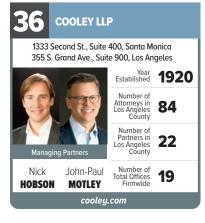
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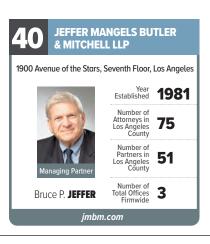
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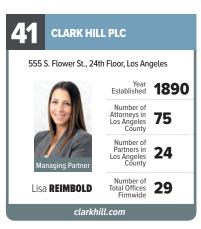






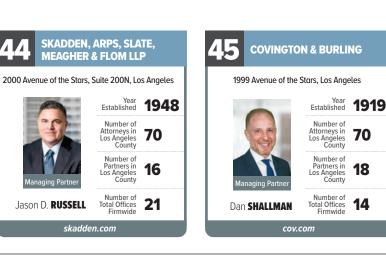














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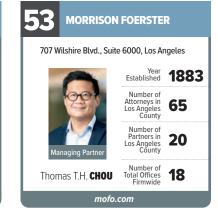


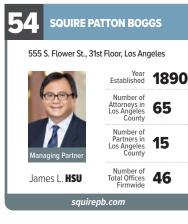






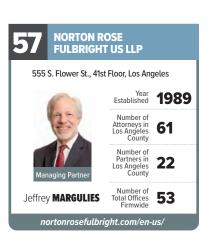


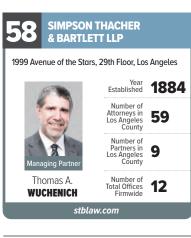


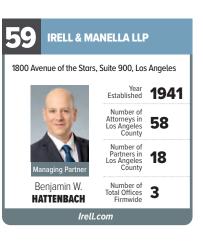








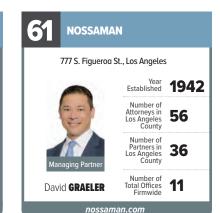






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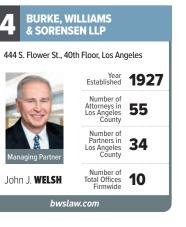
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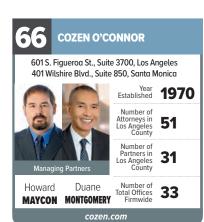


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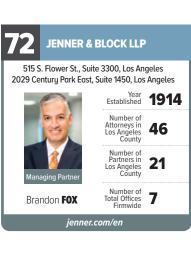


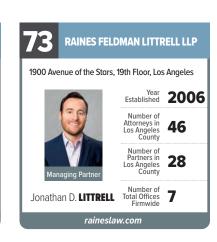














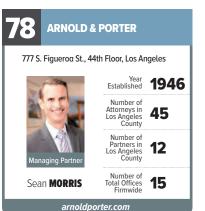






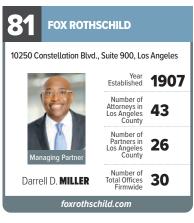
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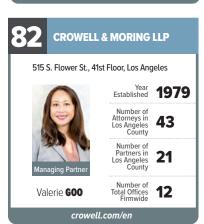
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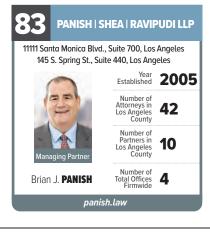


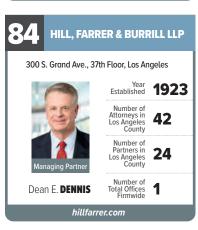


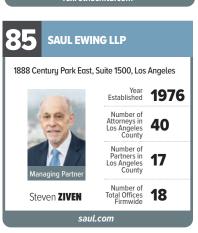


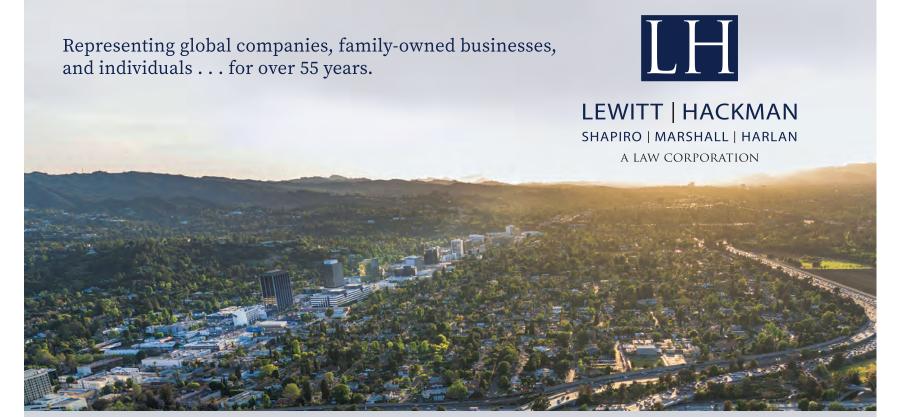




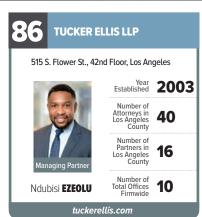


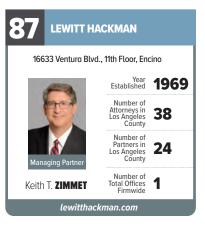




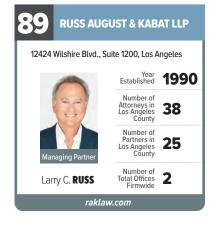


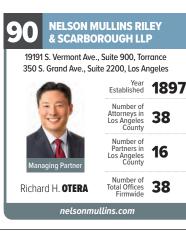
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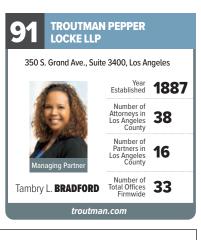


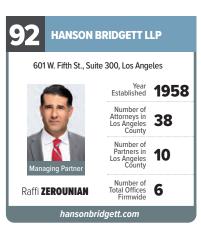


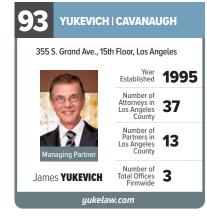












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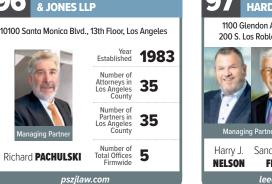


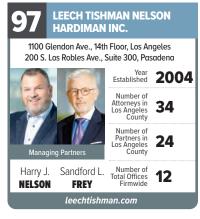
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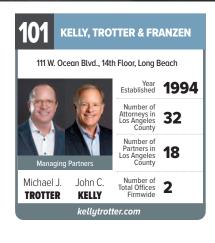
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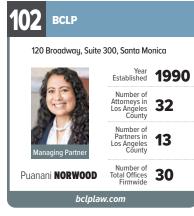














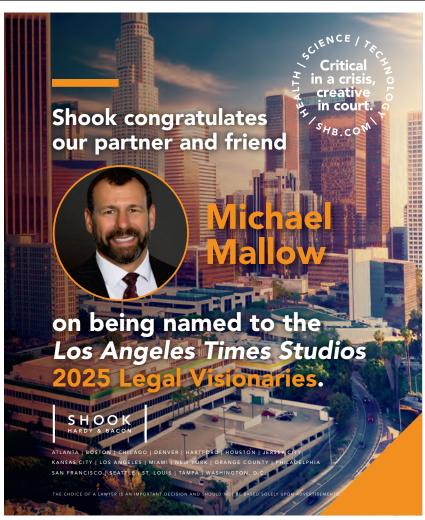










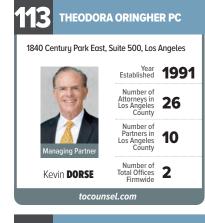


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He explained that a recent New York federal court decision in *Richardson v. Townsquare Media* diverged from previous New York rulings by finding that embedding YouTube videos does not constitute copyright infringement.

The court applied fair use principles for one video and determined YouTube's terms of service granted an implicit license for the second. This ruling differed from the findings of other New York federal courts that have held embedding does infringe, contrasting with the 9th Circuit's position that it does not. The Richardson decision potentially sets the stage for an eventual Supreme Court review of this contentious copyright issue, Stein said, if the 2nd Circuit took up the issue and ruled differently to the 9th circuit.

Stein said that "it's certainly not imminent, but it's possible" that the issue could "rise to the level of the Supreme Court in the not-too-distant future."

Music Copyright Claims on the Rise

Stein said that music publishing companies are increasingly pursuing copyright infringement claims against organizations that use unlicensed music in social media content, with Sony recently filing a lawsuit against USC for music used in university-related social media posts.

"Out of all these music infringement cases that have been filed, there haven't really been rulings in them that address or speak to the issues implicated by these claims. Most of these cases are settled. So, if any of these cases are ever litigated, and there are many pending, including the one that was filed last week [against USC], it'd be very interesting to see what the judges do with them."

Open Questions on Vicarious Liability

Hughes said that he would be keeping an eye on whether the U.S. Supreme Court would take up the question of whether the 4th Circuit correctly upheld a jury verdict that Cox Communications willfully contributed to copyright infringement because it knew of its users' infringing activity and materially contributed to it.

"If the Supreme Court grants cert. in Cox Communications v. Sony Music Entertainment, we could get some reshaping of the contours of indirect liability in copyright law. Some folks think the Fourth Circuit erred in its contributory liability analysis, while others — myself included — think the appellate court created confusion, if not an outright circuit split, on vicarious liability," he wrote.

He also anticipated that the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) would continue

to crack down on the "monopolize" slogans and words.

"It's not a 'court' per se, but my guess is that the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board at USPTO will quietly continue to strengthen its 'failure to function' decisions as a way to deny trademark registration to slogans and single words that are being claimed as trademarks, but really are just efforts to monopolize control of words on t-shirts and other apparel – more power to them in this effort," he wrote.

- Jack Needham

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CORPORATE

orporate attorneys handle a wide range of transactions, financing and M&A deals. At top corporate firm Kirkland & Ellis, Los Angeles-based attorneys served as lead counsel on announced deals that totaled more than \$16 billion in 2024. That included six deals greater than \$1 billion. Other major matters include advising Energy Capital Partners on a \$6.7-billion closing of its fifth flagship equity strategy, which surpassed the fund's \$4-billion target. On the debt side, Kirkland & Ellis advised Thoma Bravo

in its all-cash acquisition of Darktrace plc., a cybersecurity company, in a transaction that included \$2.3 billion of debt financing.

Attorneys at Proskauer advised Los Angeles-based investment firm Shamrock Capital on the closing of two funds last year that had approximately \$1.6 billion in assets combined. At Los Angeles-based Greenberg Glusker, notable transactions include advising apparel brand Off Season on the launch of the company. Meanwhile, the attorneys in the Los Angeles office of Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP represented Stone Point Capital on the debt financing aspects of its \$15.5-billion acquisition of Truist Insurance Holdings.

Overall, the 25 largest corporate practice groups employ approximately 1,000 attorneys in local offices.







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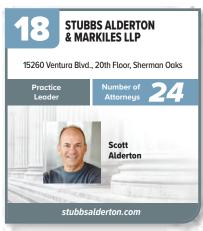




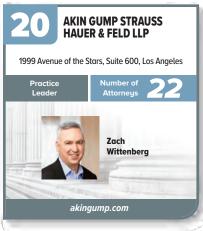






















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LABOR & EMPLOYMENT

abor and employment attorneys specialize in a practice group that can impact all industries, but tend to focus on labor-intensive work such as health care, hospitality, automotive and retail. Issues are complex and there are various federal, state and local laws governing wages which drive demand for this niche.

Recent statewide issues that labor and employment practice groups have focused on include a ban on non-compete agreements that went into effect last year. AB 1076 specifies that California's statutory provision voiding noncompete contracts is broadly construed to void the application of any noncompete agreement in an employment context, or any noncompete clause in an employment contract, no matter how narrowly tailored, that does not satisfy specified exceptions. In addition, a law that requires employers to create and implement a written workplace violence prevention plan went into effect on July 1.

Overall, the 25 largest labor and employment practice groups in Los Angeles County reported 910 attorneys for the specialty in local offices, which included 350 partners.







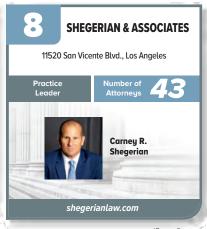


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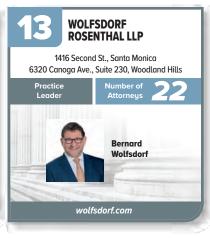
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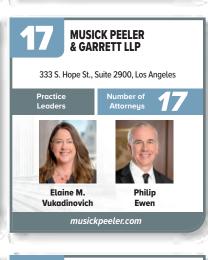
















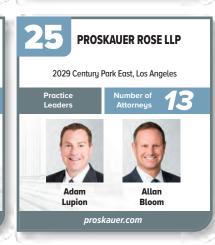












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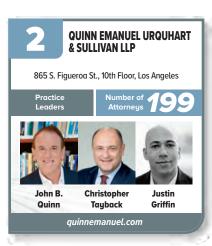
itigation practice groups can engage across a wide range of industries from intellectual property to insurance, white-collar defense, class actions and dozens of other areas. As a group, the 25 largest litigation practice groups in Los Angeles employ approximately 1,850 attorneys.

Quinn Emanuel is one of the largest litigation firms in Los Angeles with 199 local attorneys. It was one of the first firms to file a lawsuit related to the wildfires when it filed a nine-count lawsuit against Southern California Edison for the Eaton Fire. It filed suit for the Davis family of Altadena, who lost their home in Altadena.

"They are our neighbors, our friends, our clients and this never should have happened," said John Quinn, executive chairman of the firm and Pasadena resident.

Other notable litigation unrelated to the wildfires that involved local attorneys included Loeb & Loeb's successfully representation of The Claremont Colleges in a favorable resolution to an eight-year dispute with the Claremont School of Theology in 2024. The case involved five actions, three appeals and an arbitration. The Claremont Colleges completed the acquisition of the property in December 2024. At Glaser Weil, the Los Angeles office launched two new practice groups last year, focused on advanced transportation and energy transition as well as affordable housing.

















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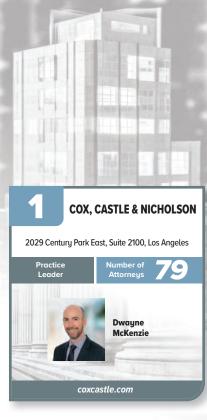
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he real estate sector has faced immense challenges stemming from the recent wildfires. In the wake of these devastating tragedies, real estate practice groups have advised on issues such as land use, zoning, building codes, environmental laws and building approval process with governmental agencies. When people are ready to move forward with rebuilding, real estate attorneys advise on construction agreements, architects' agreements, mortgage financing and transactions.

Many firms offered pro bono support to victims of the wildfires, have raised funds to contribute for wildfire relief efforts and have supported the process of navigating FEMA and other agencies that provide benefits to fire victims. In addition to fires, there are significant state laws that impact commercial real estate development. Enacted in 2025, AB 98 addresses large warehouse construction and mandates truck routing plans for these facilities.

Overall, the 25 largest real estate practice groups in Los Angeles County reported 518 attorneys for the specialty in local offices, which included 286 partners.



















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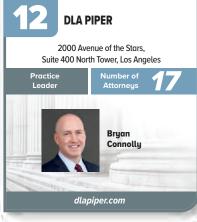


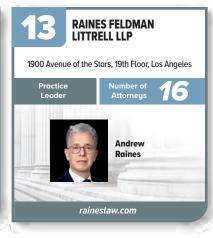
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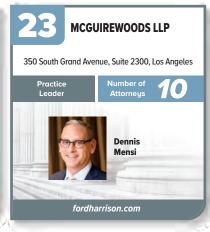
















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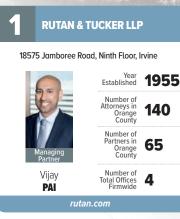
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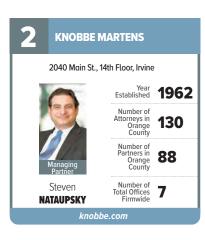
aw offices in Orange County consist of a diverse mix of local and national firms led by Rutan & Tucker, a regional firm with 140 attorneys who work at its Irvine headquarters. It is followed by Irvine-based Knobbe Martens, which has 130 attorneys in Orange County. International firm Gibson Dunn & Crutcher rounds out the top three firms with 105 local attorneys.

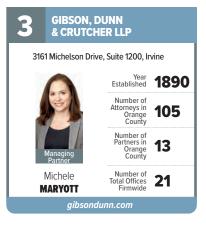
Snell & Wilmer's Orange County office had a change in leadership as of Jan. 1. Jon Frank became the office managing partner succeeding Eric Pezold, a partner in the firm's bankruptcy, insolvency and business reorganization practice group. Pezold will lead the firm's technology committee this year.

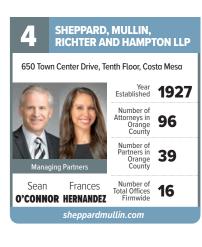
"As Jon assumes the Orange County leadership role, we are excited for his capable guidance and are confident that the office will continue to thrive as an integral part of our growing California team," said Barb Dawson, chair of Snell & Wilmer, in a statement.

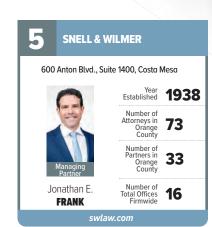
The top 25 largest law firms with offices in Orange County employ about 1,400 attorneys in local offices. That includes more than 600 partners, plus associates, counsel and other staff attorneys. As a group, the 25 largest firms employ approximately 2,500 people including attorneys, paralegals and support staff.

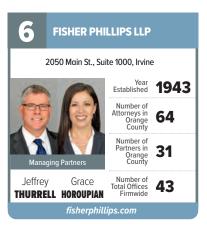


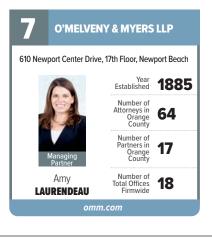


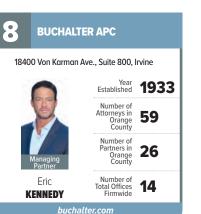












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