

THE 2009 CORPORATE BOARD MEMBER/
FTI CONSULTING SURVEY

AMERICA'S BEST CORPORATE LAW FIRMS

In *Corporate Board Member/* FTI's ninth annual survey, more than 4,000 directors selected the law firms they most admire. The 20 National leaders are listed to the right, with **Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati** in fourteenth place.

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THE TOP 20 FIRMS

	LAST YEAR'S RANKING
1. SKADDEN ARPS SLATE MEAGHER & FLOM , NEW YORK	1
2. JONES DAY , WASHINGTON, D.C.	7
3. CRAVATH SWAINE & MOORE , NEW YORK	2
4. WACHTELL LIPTON ROSEN & KATZ , NEW YORK	3
5. SULLIVAN & CROMWELL , NEW YORK	5
6. WEIL GOTSHAL & MANGES , NEW YORK	9
7. GIBSON DUNN & CRUTCHER , LOS ANGELES	13
8. KIRKLAND & ELLIS , CHICAGO	8
9. LATHAM & WATKINS , LOS ANGELES	6
10. FULBRIGHT & JAWORSKI , HOUSTON	17
11. BAKER & MCKENZIE , CHICAGO	14 (TIE)
12. O'MELVENY & MYERS , LOS ANGELES	19
13. DAVIS POLK & WARDWELL , NEW YORK	4
14. WILSON SONSINI GOODRICH & ROSATI , PALO ALTO	14 (TIE)
15. SIDLEY AUSTIN , NEW YORK	-
16. SHEARMAN & STERLING , NEW YORK	11 (TIE)
17. PAUL WEISS RIFKIND WHARTON & GARRISON , NEW YORK	11 (TIE)
18. COVINGTON & BURLING , WASHINGTON, D.C.	16
19. HOGAN & HARTSON , WASHINGTON, D.C.	20
20. FRIED FRANK HARRIS SHRIVER & JACOBSON , NEW YORK	-

Source: *Corporate Board Member/FTI Consulting*

HOW GENERAL COUNSELS RANK THE BEST NATIONAL LAW FIRMS

In choosing the firms they'd most like to hire for national matters, 240 general counsels eschewed four that directors named to the top 20: Fried Frank Harris Shriver & Jacobson, Hogan & Hartson, O'Melveny & Myers, and Paul Weiss Rifkind Wharton & Garrison. The GCs replaced them in their top 20 with (in order of popularity) Simpson Thacher & Bartlett, DLA Piper, Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton, and Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale & Dorr. Three firms from the GCs' 2008 list—Baker Botts, Morgan Lewis & Bockius, and King & Spalding—fell out this year. Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton, Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati, and Fulbright & Jaworski moved in.

	HOW THEY SCORED WITH DIRECTORS
1. Skadden Arps Slate Meagher & Flom (last year's ranking: 1)	1
2. Wachtell Lipton Rosen & Katz (2)	4
3. Cravath Swaine & Moore (3)	3
4. Sullivan & Cromwell (6)	5
5. Davis Polk & Wardwell (9)	13
6. Jones Day (5)	2
7. Latham & Watkins (4)	9
8. Simpson Thacher & Bartlett (7)	–
9. Gibson Dunn & Crutcher (10)	7
10. Weil Gotshal & Manges (11)	6
11. Kirkland & Ellis (8)	8
12. Baker & McKenzie (13, tie)	11
13. Sidley Austin (12)	15
14. Shearman & Sterling (13, tie)	16
15. DLA Piper (19)	–
16. Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton*	–
17. Covington & Burling (20)	18
18. Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati*	14
19. Fulbright & Jaworski*	10
20. Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale & Dorr (17, tie)	–

*Not in last year's Top 20



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