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PATENT LITIGATION

PATENT LITIGATION WAS ALIVE AND WELL LAST YEAR.

The year 2012 saw a little bit of everything: Massive damages awards, increasingly brazen patent assertion entities, and the major patent reform law passed in 2011 beginning to make its mark.

The high stakes that companies faced, and the constant barrage of suits, kept law firms' patent practices busy, according to results from *Corporate Counsel's* 2013 Patent Litigation Survey, which ranks law firms according to how many federal district court patent suits they handled in 2012.

Many of the firms that took the top spots in last year's survey are back this time around. Fish and Richardson, which once again ranks number one, according to the data, handled 220 cases in 2012, compared to 173 in 2011—an increase of more than 27 percent. Finnegan, Henderson, Farabow, Garrett & Dunner, which took second place in this year's ranking, saw its caseload jump from 88 cases in 2011 to 95 in 2012—moving up from eighth to second place. And Kirkland & Ellis moved from fifth place to third, although the total number of cases it handled dropped by one to 95. Winston & Strawn ranked ninth in 2011 with 87 cases, but moved to the number four spot in this year's survey with 94 cases in 2012.

—Lisa Shuchman



PATENT WARRIORS

FROM SMARTPHONES TO BIOTECH, THESE LAW FIRMS FOUGHT THE MOST BATTLES.

2013 RANK	2012 RANK	FIRM NAME	DEFENDANT	PLAINTIFF	TOTAL
1	1	Fish	182	38	220
2	8	Finnegan	49	46	95
2	5	Kirkland	76	19	95
4	9	Winston	82	12	94
5	12	Cooley	69	21	90
5	6	DLA	70	20	90
7	13	Alston	73	15	88
8	10	Greenberg	72	14	86
9	7	Perkins Coie	74	11	85
9	N/A	Richards Layton	72	13	85
11	35	Orrick	69	11	80
12	14	K&L Gates	56	21	77
13	3	Kilpatrick	61	15	76
14	17	MoFo	61	11	72
15	15	Baker Botts	62	7	69
16	33	Latham	61	7	68
17	10	Foley & Lardner	52	15	67
18	38	Akin	54	6	60
18	29	McDermott	45	15	60

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12	2	Kilpatrick Townsend	61

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