

## Law360 Global 20 Firms Blaze Trails Abroad

Law360, New York (May 13, 2011) -- For the first time ever, Law360 has selected and ranked the 20 law firms that stand out as preeminent global outfits.

Over the next several weeks, Law360 will profile these firms that blazed trails internationally and landed a spot on the Law360 Global 20:

1. DLA Piper
2. Baker & McKenzie LLP
3. Norton Rose Group
4. Clifford Chance LLP
5. White & Case LLP
6. Hogan Lovells
7. Linklaters LLP
8. Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP
9. Dewey & LeBoeuf LLP
10. Shearman & Sterling LLP
11. Jones Day
12. Mayer Brown LLP
13. Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP
14. Latham & Watkins LLP
15. Orrick Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP
16. Weil Gotshal & Manges LLP
17. Skadden Arps Slate Meagher & Flom LLP
18. K&L Gates LLP
19. Paul Hastings Janofsky & Walker LLP
20. Reed Smith LLP

The firms selected for the Law360 Global 20 list have been aggressive in expanding beyond the borders of their home countries and answering their clients' call for multijurisdictional know-how.

While the economic crisis forced brutal cutbacks for most firms, Law360 Global 20 firms continued to expand into nearly every corner of the world, opening offices in Asia, Africa, South America, Europe and the Middle East, as well as at home. Our top three firms have at least 70 percent of their attorneys stationed outside of the firm's home country, and together boast 120 international offices in more than 40 countries.

To arrive at the Global 20, Law360 ranked each firm in five categories: the number of countries where the firm has offices, the number of offices outside the firm's home country, the percentage of attorneys working outside the firm's home country, the breadth of the firm's international work, and the size and complexity of the firm's cross-border work.

While each firm's path toward becoming a global powerhouse was undoubtedly unique, the firms that made our list had one thing in common: a wide range of sophisticated cross-border work — from international trade and antitrust to structured finance and intellectual property work.

Law360's Global 20 are at the forefront of developing cross-discipline, multijurisdictional practices to help clients deal with aggressive efforts by enforcement agencies worldwide to probe alleged Foreign Corrupt Practices Act breaches by multinational clients, bringing to bear expertise in areas that include competition and securities law.

These powerhouses are also called on to handle groundbreaking global transactions of incredible complexity that demand the expertise of lawyers from dozens of offices across multiple practice areas, from advising Deutsche Borse AG in its merger with NYSE Euronext to create the world's largest exchange for stocks and derivatives to China-based Zhejiang Geely's acquisition of Swedish automaker Volvo Car Corp. — the largest international deal by a privately held Chinese company to date.

The firms are also international leaders in defending government agencies in international arbitration proceedings, including representing the Turkish Ministry of Transportation over the termination of one of the largest transportation infrastructure projects in the world, and stepping up to the plate for companies in high-stakes trade disputes, such as the Chinese tire feud with the U.S.

Whether the problem is near or far, these 20 law firms have the resources and reach to get the job done.