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THE LIST

LARGEST LAW FIRMS

Ranked by the number of attorneys in the greater Valley area

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This year's List of Largest Law Firms features several changes as a result of a redesigned survey and has been expanded to offer more information about Valley area firms. The List is ranked by total number of attorneys, including partners and associates. "Of counsel" attorneys were not included in the totals this year, a change from

prior years. To qualify for a ranking, firms had to have a minimum of five attorneys. Fields such as attorneys' compensation type and clients were added to the List. The List grew to 45 firms this year, up from 35 firms in 2011. Nearly half of the firms did not appear on last year's List.

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THE PACESETTER

For the ninth consecutive year, Michelman & Robinson, LLP, topped the List. The firm has 54 attorneys in its Valley office and covers a wide variety of practice areas. In early 2011, it created a department that specializes in handling advertising, marketing and media-related industry issues. Dana A. Kravetz became the firm's managing partner in 2010. That same year, the

San Fernando Valley Business Journal recognized Sanford Michelman, founder and chair of the firm's Executive Committee, as one of the Valley's 40 young achievers under 40 years of age. The law firm is headquartered in Encino, with five additional offices nationwide.

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Rank	Law Firm name address website	Personnel total attorneys ¹ paralegals total full-time employees ²	Attorney Breakdown equity partners non-equity partners associates of counsel	Areas of practice (partial list)	Clients	Compensation Type	Profile headquarters year established local offices/ total	Managing Partner or Executive Administrator name title phone
1	Michelman & Robinson, LLP 15760 Ventura Blvd., 5th Fl. Encino, 91436 mrlip.com	54 5 110	8 28 18 11	bankruptcy & insolvency, commercial law, corporate law, debtor & creditor, eminent domain, employment, entertainment and media, finance and banking, government, health care, insurance, intellectual property	WND	hourly rate	Encino 1999 1/6	Sanford L. Michelman Executive Committee Chair Dana A. Kravetz Firm Managing Partner (818) 783-5530
2	Tharpe & Howell, LLP 15250 Ventura Blvd., 9th Fl. Sherman Oaks, 91401 tharpe-howell.com	52 3 80 ³	8 2 42 0	construction law, employment, legal/medical malpractice, litigation, real estate, transportation, workers' compensation defense, business litigation & transaction	Farmers Insurance, California Insurance Group, Sentry Transport Service, Markel Corp., Lowe's Home Improvement Center	hourly rate, flat fee, blend	Sherman Oaks 1973 1/10	Todd R. Howell Managing Partner (818) 205-9955
3	Christie, Parker & Hale, LLP 655 North Central Ave., Ste. 2300 Glendale, 91203 cph.com	39 5 104	17 5 17 2	intellectual property, internet law, litigation, technology & science	Avery Dennison Corp., Martin Aircraft Co. Ltd., Raytheon Company, Tacori Enterprises, Guess? Inc.	hourly rate, flat fee, blend, contingency	Glendale 1954 1/2	David A. Dillard Managing Partner Byron C. Hibdon Executive Director (626) 795-9900
4	Neighborhood Legal Services of Los Angeles County 1102 E. Chevy Chase Dr. Glendale, 91205 nlsa.org	38 19 85	38 total attorneys ⁴	bankruptcy & insolvency, employment, family law, health care, immigration, real estate, zoning, planning & land use, other community development, consumer protection, education, public benefits, discrimination	Clients are generally low-income individuals in need of services, such as: workers' rights clinics, foreclosure clinics, handling unlawful detainer cases and more.	hourly rate	Glendale 1965 2/3	Neal S. Dudovitz Executive Director Yvonne Maria Jimenez Deputy Director (800) 433-6251
5	Horvitz & Levy LLP 15760 Ventura Blvd., 18th Fl. Encino, 91436 horvitzlevy.com	32 WND WND WND	WND WND WND WND	appellate law	WND	hourly rate, flat fee, blend	Encino 1957 1/1	Barry R. Levy Founding Partner (818) 995-0800
6	Wasserman, Comden, Casselman & Esensten LLP 5567 Reseda Blvd., Ste. 330 Tarzana, 91357 wccelaw.com	28 6 68	4 8 16 2	class action, commercial law, construction law, corporate law, debtor & creditor, employment, family law, government, intellectual property, litigation, real estate, white collar crime	WND	hourly rate, flat fee, blend, contingency	Tarzana 1976 1/6	Leonard J. Comden Managing Partner Steve K. Wasserman Senior Partner (818) 705-6800
7	Knapp, Petersen & Clarke 550 N. Brand Blvd., Ste. 1500 Glendale, 91203 kpclegal.com	28 9 62	15 10 3 1	bankruptcy & insolvency, class action, commercial law, construction law, corporate law, debtor & creditor, finance and banking, insurance, litigation, real estate, sports, trusts, estates, wills & probate	JPMorgan Chase & Co., State Farm, Alpha Therapeutic Corp., AIG, Clarendon National	hourly rate, flat fee, blend, contingency	Glendale 1981 1/1	Cynthia Trangsrud President (818) 547-5000
8	Hemar, Rousso & Heald, LLP 15910 Ventura Blvd., 12th Fl. Encino, 91436 hemar-rousso.com	27 6 65	6 partners ⁵ 21 1	bankruptcy & insolvency, commercial law, debtor & creditor	WND	hourly rate	Encino 1974 1/1	Richard Hemar Managing Partner Martin J. Rousso Executive Director (818) 501-3800
9	Price Law Group 15760 Ventura Blvd., Ste. 1100 Encino, 91436 pricelawgroup.com	26 5 70	4 0 22 3	bankruptcy & insolvency, debtor & creditor, insurance, real estate, trusts, estates, wills & probate	WND	flat fee	Encino 1991 2/20	Stuart M. Price President and CEO Steven Alpert Managing Partner and CFO (818) 995-4540
10	Pearlman, Borska & Wax, LLP 15910 Ventura Blvd., 18th Fl. Encino, 91436 pbw-law.com	25 15 82	4 3 18 0	employment, insurance workers' compensation defense, defense liability	WND	hourly rate	Encino 1984 2/4	Barry S. Pearlman Partner (818) 501-4343
11	Nemecek & Cole 15260 Ventura Blvd., Ste. 920 Sherman Oaks, 91403 nemecek-cole.com	25 4 44	WND WND WND WND	construction law, corporate law, intellectual property, legal/medical malpractice, transportation, professional liability defense	Lawyers Mutual Insurance Company, Axis U.S. Insurance, Carolina Casualty, James River Insurance Company, Admiral Insurance Company, CHUBB Insurance	hourly rate	Sherman Oaks 1984 1/1	Jonathan B. Cole Managing Partner (818) 788-9500
12	Adelson, Testan, Brundo & Jimenez 5805 Sepulveda Blvd., Ste. 800 Van Nuys, 91411 atblaw.net	24 4 71	2 10 12 0	workers' compensation defense	WND	hourly rate, flat fee, blend, contingency	Van Nuys 1996 2/20	Steven C. Testan Founder/ Senior Managing Partner (818) 225-5868
13	Ballard Rosenberg Golper & Savitt, LLP 500 N. Brand Blvd., 20th Fl. Glendale, 91203 brgslaw.com	22 1 45 ³	8 partners ⁵ 14 0	employment, labor law (management side)	Lockheed Martin, Los Angeles Unified School District, University of California, Los Angeles County Superior Court, Capitol Records, HealthNet, Children's Hospital of Los Angeles	hourly rate, flat fee, blend	Glendale 1986 1/3	Executive Committee (818) 508-3700
14	Lewitt, Hackman, Shapiro, Marshall & Harlan 16633 Ventura Blvd., 11th Fl. Encino, 91436 lewitthackman.com	22 2 41	18 partners ⁵ 4 1	commercial law, employment, family law, finance and banking, health care, intellectual property, litigation, real estate, tax, trusts, estates, wills & probate, environmental, franchise	WND	hourly rate, flat fee, blend, contingency	Encino 1969 1/1	Keith T. Zimmet Managing Partner Darlene Heller Administrator (818) 990-2120
15	Maranga Morgenstern, APLC 5850 Canoga Ave., Ste. 600 Woodland Hills, 91367 marmorlaw.com	20 5 30	2 6 12 0	commercial law, construction law, debtor & creditor, employment, government, health care, insurance, legal/medical malpractice, litigation, personal injury	UPS, County of Los Angeles, Liberty Mutual Insurance Company, Regents of the University of California, Golden Eagle Insurance Company	hourly rate	Woodland Hills 1983 1/2	Kenneth A. Maranga Senior Partner Robert A. Morgenstern Senior Partner/Secretary (818) 587-9146
16	Ezra Brutzkus Gubner LLP 21650 Oxnard St., Ste. 500 Woodland Hills, 91367 ebg-law.com	18 7 48	3 10 5 4	bankruptcy & insolvency, commercial law, corporate law, debtor & creditor, employment, finance and banking, intellectual property, litigation, mergers & acquisitions, trusts, estates, wills & probate	WND	hourly rate, contingency	Woodland Hills 1983 1/1	Steven T. Gubner Managing Partner Scott Dressler Administrator (818) 827-9000
17	Stone, Rosenblatt & Cha 21550 Oxnard St., Main Plaza, Ste. 200 Woodland Hills, 91367 srclaw.com	16 2 28	3 3 10 1	construction law, corporate law, employment, entertainment and media, insurance, intellectual property, litigation, mergers & acquisitions, real estate, business & transactions, professional E&O defense	National Construction Rentals, Robbins Bros., Total Woman, Brent's Deli Inc., Kroger Foods, Lee & Associates Realty, Doremi Labs, LLC, Flair Cleaners, IMT Residential Inc., Jamison Properties	hourly rate, flat fee, blend, contingency	Woodland Hills 1992 1/1	Ira Rosenblatt Managing Director (818) 999-2232
18	Stubbs, Alderton & Markiles, LLP 15260 Ventura Blvd., 20th Fl. Sherman Oaks, 91403 stubbsalderton.com	15 2 25	11 0 4 1	corporate law, entertainment and media, intellectual property, internet law, mergers & acquisitions, tax, technology & science, interactive entertainment, video game law	Rdio Inc., Beats Electronics, LLC, Lucky Strike Entertainment, SuperGiant Games, Dun & Bradstreet Credibility Corp., Fireman's Brew	hourly rate, flat fee, blend, contingency	Sherman Oaks 2002 1/1	Scott Alderton Managing Partner (818) 444-4500
19	R. Rex Parris Law Firm 42220 10th Street West, Ste. 109 Lancaster, 93534 rrexparris.com	14 2 58 ⁶	2 partners ⁵ 12 0	class action, personal injury	WND	contingency	Lancaster 1985 1/2	R. Rex Parris (661) 949-2595
20	Landegger Baron Lavenant & Ingber, ALC 15760 Ventura Blvd., Ste. 1200 Encino, 91436 landeggeresq.com	14 2 31	4 partners ⁵ 10 0	employment, labor law (management side), workers' compensation defense	WND	hourly rate	Encino 1983 2/3	Alfred Landegger Managing Partner (818) 986-7561
21	Gray-Duffy 15760 Ventura Blvd., 16th Fl. Encino, 91436 grayduffy.com	12 4 34	2 1 9 1	commercial law, construction law, employment, health care, insurance, legal/medical malpractice, litigation, real estate	WND	blend	Encino 1986 1/2	Gary S. Gray Managing Partner (818) 907-4000
22	Kantor & Kantor, LLP 19839 Nordhoff St. Northridge, 91324 kantorlaw.net	12 4 28	2 3 7 1	health care, internet law, personal injury, ERISA	WND	hourly rate, contingency	Northridge 2004 1/1	Lisa Kantor Glenn Kantor Attorneys (818) 886-2525

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23	Levinson Arshonsky & Kurtz, LLP 15303 Ventura Blvd., Ste. 1650 Sherman Oaks, 91403 laklawyers.com	12 3 25	3 3 6 0	bankruptcy & insolvency, commercial law, debtor & creditor, employment, finance and banking, litigation, real estate	WND	hourly rate, flat fee, blend, contingency	Sherman Oaks 2004 1/1	Richard I. Arshonsky Partner (818) 382-3434
24	Peterson Bradford Burkwitz 100 North First St., Ste. 300 Burbank, 91502 pbblp.com	12 1 24	3 0 9 1	employment, health care, legal/medical malpractice, litigation, personal injury, trusts, estates, wills & probate	WND	hourly rate, blend	Burbank 1994 1/1	George E. Peterson Founding Partner (818) 562-5800
25	Bush Gottlieb Singer López Kohanski Adelstein & Dickinson 500 North Central Ave., Ste. 800 Glendale, 91203 bushgottlieb.com	12 2 23	7 0 5 1	bankruptcy & insolvency, employment, litigation, personal injury, labor law (union side), wage and hour, employee benefits	WND	hourly rate, flat fee, blend, contingency	Glendale 1975 1/1	Ira Gottlieb Joseph Kohanski Managing Partners (818) 973-3200
26	Nevers, Palazzo, Packard, Wildermuth & Wynner, PC 31248 Oak Crest Dr., Ste. 100 Westlake Village, 91361 nmpm.com	11 2 19	5 1 5 1	construction law, corporate law, employment, finance and banking, insurance, internet law, litigation, mergers & acquisitions, real estate	WND	hourly rate, flat fee, blend	Westlake Village 1992 1/1	Gary W. Nevers President Donald J. Palazzo Managing Partner, Treasurer (818) 879-9700
27	Horgan, Rosen, Beckham & Coren, LLP 23975 Park Sorrento, Ste. 200 Calabasas, 91302 horganrosen.com	11 0 17	5 4 ⁷ 2 0	bankruptcy & insolvency, corporate law, debtor & creditor, finance and banking, litigation, mergers & acquisitions, real estate	Grand Point Bank, California United Bank, First California Bank, Rabobank, N.A., Inland Community Bank	hourly rate	Calabasas 1989 1/2	Executive Committee (818) 591-2121
28	Marrone Robinson Frederick & Foster 111 North First St., Ste. 300 Burbank, 91502 mrfllaw.net	10 3 21	5 0 5 1	construction law, insurance, legal/medical malpractice, litigation, personal injury	WND	hourly rate, contingency	Burbank 1987 1/1	Gary D. Ellington Member (818) 841-1144
29	Jackson DeMarco Tidus Peckenpaugh 2815 Townsgate Road, Ste. 200 Westlake Village, 91361 jdtplaw.com	9 0 18	3 1 5 4	commercial law, corporate law, eminent domain, employment, insurance, intellectual property, litigation, mergers & acquisitions, real estate, tax, trusts, estates, wills & probate, zoning, planning & land use	WND	hourly rate, blend	Irvine 1983 1/2	Stanley E. Heyman Site Managing Partner (805) 230-0023
30	Poole & Shaffery, LLP 25350 Magic Mountain Parkway, 2nd Fl. Santa Clarita, 91355 pooleshaffery.com	9 1 15	WND WND WND WND	commercial law, employment, insurance, intellectual property, product liability, Proposition 65, premises liability, personal injury defense, business transactions	WND	hourly rate, flat fee, blend	Santa Clarita 1998 1/4	John H. Shaffery Managing Partner (661) 290-2991
31	Law Offices of Marcia L. Kraft 6355 Topanga Canyon Blvd., Ste. 419 Woodland Hills, 91367 kraftlawoffices.com	8 0 10	1 0 7 0	bankruptcy & insolvency, criminal law, debtor & creditor, employment, family law, litigation, personal injury, trusts, estates, wills & probate, adoptions, name changes, guardianships, conservatorships	WND	hourly rate, flat fee, contingency	Woodland Hills 1990 1/2	Marcia L. Kraft Managing Attorney (818) 883-1330
32	Pearson, Simon, Warshaw & Penny, LLP 15165 Ventura Blvd., Ste. 400 Sherman Oaks, 91403 pswplaw.com	7 0 15	3 0 4 0	antitrust & trade regulation, class action, litigation	WND	hourly rate, blend, contingency	Sherman Oaks 2006 1/2	Clifford H. Pearson Managing Partner (818) 788-8300
33	Moore McLennan, LLP 701 North Brand Blvd., Ste. 200 Glendale, 91203 mmattys.com	7 0 15	2 1 4 1	health care, insurance, legal/medical malpractice, litigation, other medical board representation	WND	hourly rate	Glendale 1999 1/1	Laura McLennan Managing Partner (818) 240-2600
34	Goldfarb, Sturman & Averbach 15760 Ventura Blvd., Ste. 1900 Encino, 91436 gsalaw.com	7 2 14	4 0 3 0	commercial law, corporate law, litigation, mergers & acquisitions, real estate, tax, trusts, estates, wills & probate	WND	hourly rate	Encino 1965 1/1	Zane S. Averbach Mark J. Phillips Principals (818) 990-4414
35	Manfredi, Levine, Eccles, Miller & Lanson, APC 3262 East Thousand Oaks Blvd., Ste. 200 Westlake Village, 91362 manfredilevine.com	7 0 11	5 0 2 0	commercial law, construction law, corporate law, insurance, litigation, personal injury, real estate, zoning, planning & land use	WND	hourly rate, flat fee, contingency	Westlake Village 1981 1/1	Ronald B. Levine Executive Director/Partner (805) 379-1919
36	Gaines & Stacey LLP 16633 Ventura Blvd. Ste., 1220 Encino, 91436 gaineslaw.com	7 1 10	4 0 3 0	government, litigation, real estate, zoning, planning & land use	The Charles Company, Community Recycling, Los Angeles Jewish Home for the Aging, Mariposa Land Company, Sherwood Country Club, Vons	hourly rate, flat fee	Encino 1997 1/2	Fred Gaines Managing Partner Cameron Hardy Executive Director (818) 933-0200
37	SoCal IP Law Group LLP 310 N. Westlake Blvd., Ste 120 Westlake Village, 91362 socalip.com	6 5 11	3 1 2 1	intellectual property, litigation	Toshiba Corp., Sanyo Electric Co., Ltd., ON Semiconductor Trading, Ltd., MIT Media Lab, Ixia, United Online Inc., SL Power Electronics Corp., DataDirect Networks Inc., Vapur Inc.	hourly rate, flat fee, contingency	Westlake Village 2002 1/2	Steven C. Sereboff Managing Attorney (805) 230-1350
38	Baker, Olson, LeCroy & Danielian 100 W. Broadway, Ste. 600 Glendale, 91210 boldlaw.com	6 1 8	3 0 3 4	corporate law, immigration, mergers & acquisitions, real estate, tax, trusts, estates, wills & probate, zoning, planning & land use	WND	hourly rate	Glendale 1995 1/1	Sheldon Baker President (818) 502-5600
39	Kingsley & Kingsley 16133 Ventura Blvd., Ste. 1200 Encino, 91436 kingsleykingsley.com	6 0 7	2 0 4 1	class action, employment	WND	contingency	Encino 1981 1/1	Eric Kingsley Partner (818) 990-8300
40	Owen, Patterson & Owen 23822 West Valencia Blvd., Ste. 201 Valencia, 91355 opolaw.com	5 3 15	3 0 2 0	personal injury	WND	contingency	Valencia 1977 3/4	Susan A. Owen Managing Partner Richard A. Patterson Founding Partner (661) 799-3899
41	Wenderoff Solomon 9221 Corbin Ave., Ste. 110 Northridge, 91324 wensolo.com	5 1 13	2 0 3 0	workers' compensation defense	Sedgwick Claims Management, Gallagher Bassett Services, Zurich Insurance	hourly rate	Northridge 2004 1/1	Lori Wenderoff Partner (818) 407-1413
42	The Reape-Rickett Law Firm 25152 Springfield Ct., Ste. 100 Valencia, 91355 divorcedigest.com	5 3 12	2 0 3 0	family law	WND	hourly rate	Santa Clarita 1992 1/1	James P. Reape Senior Managing Partner (661) 288-1000
43	Kelly & Kelley, LLP 6320 Canoga Ave., Ste. 1650 Woodland Hills, 91367 kikpatentlaw.com	5 4 11	4 0 1 0	intellectual property, internet law, technology & science	WND	hourly rate, flat fee, blend	Woodland Hills 1965 1/1	Scott Kelley Managing Partner (818) 347-7900
44	Alston & Bird, LLP 2801 Townsgate Road, Ste. 215 Westlake Village, 91361 alston.com	5 1 8	3 partners ⁵ 2 0	energy, finance and banking, litigation, mergers & acquisitions, real estate, zoning, planning & land use, environmental, climate change/carbon management	WND	WND	Atlanta, GA 1984 ⁸ 1/10	Wayne Mitchell Executive Administrator Thomas Wingard Partner-in-Charge, Ventura County and LAX (805) 497-9474
45	Anker, Reed, Hymes, Schreiber & Cohen 21333 Oxnard St., 1st Fl. Woodland Hills, 91367 ahslawyers.com	5 1 6	3 0 2 0	corporate law, litigation, real estate, trusts, estates, wills & probate	WND	hourly rate, flat fee, blend	Woodland Hills 1979 1/2	Larry S. Hymes Managing Partner (818) 501-5800

WND: Would Not Disclose. Equity partner: a part owner of the business, and is entitled to a proportion of the distributable profits of the company. Non-equity partner: publicly considered partners, but does not have share of ownership of the firm. Associate: a full-time employed attorney at a law firm. "Of counsel" attorney: practices law in association with a firm, but on a basis different from that of the mainstream lawyers in the firm. They are often affiliates or retired partners, and their involvement in day-to-day activities often varies from one firm to another. Information on the list was self-reported by the law firms through a survey. Law firms were ranked by the number of attorneys in 2012. In the case of a tie, firms were then ranked by total full-time employees. To be eligible, law firms must have an office in the greater San Fernando Valley region and a minimum of five attorneys.

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¹ Total number of attorneys based in the greater San Fernando Valley region. 'Of counsel' attorneys are not included.

² Total employees includes attorneys, paralegals, administrative and other full-time staff.

³ estimate

⁴ NLSLA is a nonprofit. It does not have partners, but an executive director, deputy director, two managing attorneys and eight supervising attorneys in Glendale and Pacoima.

⁵ Preferred not to distinguish between equity and non-equity partners.

⁶ Employees in Lancaster office may provide service to the downtown Los Angeles office.

⁷ contract partners

⁸ 1984 refers to the year the Westlake Village office was founded.