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THE ASSOCIATES SURVEY

Mid-Level Associates Rank Ropes & Gray Among Top Firms in the Nation

SELF-ESTEEM

In the midlevel survey, we asked respondents to rate the prestige of their own firms on a scale of 1 to 5, with 5 being the best score. These are the firms with the highest and lowest averages. Four firms received perfect scores from their midlevels. The national average was 4.3.

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We asked respondents to our midlevel and summer associate surveys which firms besides their own they regard as most prestigious, and allowed them to vote for five firms. Tops in the eyes of our respondents were five New York firms: Cravath, Skadden, Wachtell, Sullivan & Cromwell, and Davis Polk. Their responses were similar to the results of a separate survey of law firm prestige conducted by Vault.com.

High Self-Esteem

Score	Firm
5.00	Cravath
5.00	Irell & Manella
5.00	Wachtell
5.00	Williams & Connolly
4.98	Sullivan & Cromwell
4.94	Skadden
4.90	Susman Godfrey
4.89	Cleary, Gottlieb
4.88	Covington & Burling
4.85	Kirkland & Ellis
4.77	Baker Botts
4.77	Hale and Dorr
4.75	Arnold & Porter
4.73	ROPES & GRAY
4.73	Wilmer, Cutler
4.70	Davis Polk
4.69	Paul, Weiss
4.68	Hogan & Hartson
4.62	Debevoise & Plimpton
4.61	Gibson, Dunn
4.61	Latham & Watkins
4.59	Jenner & Block
4.59	Wilson Sonsini
4.56	Finnegan, Henderson
4.53	Fish & Richardson

Ranked By Midlevel Associates

Rank	Firm
1	Cravath
2	Skadden
3	Wachtell
4	Sullivan & Cromwell
5	Davis Polk
6	Kirkland & Ellis
7	Simpson Thacher
8	Latham & Watkins
9	Sidley Austin
10	Cleary, Gottlieb
11	Covington & Burling
12	Jones, Day
13	Arnold & Porter
14	Williams & Connolly
15	Gibson, Dunn
16	Weil, Gotshal
17	Shearman & Sterling
18	Morgan, Lewis
19	ROPES & GRAY
20	Mayer, Brown
21	Hale and Dorr
22	Wilmer, Cutler
23	O'Melveny & Myers
24	Dechert
25	Vinson & Elkins

Ranked By Summer Associates

Rank	Firm
1	Cravath
2	Skadden
3	Wachtell
4	Sullivan & Cromwell
5	Davis Polk
6	Kirkland & Ellis
7	Latham & Watkins
8	Covington & Burling
9	Cleary, Gottlieb
10	Jones, Day
11	Simpson Thacher
12	Sidley Austin
13	Arnold & Porter
14	Williams & Connolly
15	Gibson, Dunn
16	Vinson & Elkins
17	Hale and Dorr
18	Shearman & Sterling
19	Baker Botts
20	King & Spalding
20	ROPES & GRAY
22	Weil, Gotshal
23	Alston & Bird
24	Akin, Gump
25	Wilmer, Cutler