

Top 50 Law Firms by Absolute Change

RANK	FIRM NAME	# OF ATTORNEYS PER 2025 LIST	# OF ATTORNEYS PER 2022 LIST	ABSOLUTE CHANGE
1	Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan	181	120	61
2	Willkie Farr & Gallagher	102	52	50
3	Goodwin	129	80	49
4	Wilson Elser Moskowitz Edelman & Dicker	98	56	42
5	Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher	307	268	39
6	Orrick Herrington & Sutcliffe	122	84	38
6	Reed Smith	94	56	38
8	D.Law	40	3	37
9	Wilson Sonsini	66	30	36
10	Venable	100	66	34
10	Barnes & Thornburg	90	56	34
12	Nixon Peabody	85	52	33
13	Polsinelli	87	56	31
14	Holland & Knight	86	56	30
14	Shegerian & Associates	50	20	30
16	Fisher Phillips	74	45	29
17	Troutman Pepper	52	25	27
18	Liebert Cassidy Whitmore	81	55	26
18	Womble Bond Dickinson	61	35	26
20	Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton	305	281	24
20	Gordon Rees Scully Mansukhani	109	85	24
20	Squire Patton Boggs	68	44	24
23	Kirkland & Ellis	220	197	23
23	Allen Matkins	119	96	23
23	Jackson Lewis	91	68	23
23	Snell & Wilmer	46	23	23
27	DLA Piper	133	111	22
27	Alston & Bird	98	76	22
29	Seyfarth Shaw	162	141	21
30	Covington & Burling	70	50	20
30	Bradley, Gmelich & Wellerstein	46	26	20
32	Atkinson Andelson Loya Ruud & Romo	131	112	19
32	Wood Smith Henning & Berman	81	62	19
32	Norton Rose Fulbright	61	42	19
32	K&L Gates	43	24	19
36	Munger, Tolles & Olson	160	142	18
37	Davis Wright Tremaine	129	112	17
38	Simpson Thacher & Bartlett	58	42	16
38	Albert & Mackenzie	56	40	16
38	TroyGould	44	28	16
41	Proskauer Rose	86	71	15
41	Baker McKenzie	48	33	15
41	Lawyers for Justice	40	25	15
44	McDermott Will & Emery	88	74	14
44	Irell & Manella	58	44	14
44	Crowell & Moring	46	32	14
47	Tucker Ellis	45	32	13
47	Panish Shea Ravipudi	45	32	13
49	White & Case	73	61	12
49	Collins + Collins	45	33	12

It has been a hot market for attorneys and their law firms. For this special report, the Business Journal crunched the numbers and tracked how local law firms and law offices have grown since 2022. To capture the change, the report considers raw headcount and percentage growth. The results tell different but complementary stories about the law landscape here – big firms growing bigger, new firms ramping up at their own pace and mergers being added to the mix.


2025

181

2022

120

Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan saw the largest absolute growth with adding 61 attorneys since 2022.



Even among already large firms, **Gibson Dunn** (+39), **Orrick** (+38), and **Reed Smith** (+38) added significant numbers — showing that top-tier firms continue to invest heavily in their Los Angeles footprint.

Footnote: The data and analysis are based on the Top 200 Law Firms lists for 2025 and 2022, both published separately.

Top 50 Law Firms by Percent Change

RANK	FIRM NAME	# OF ATTORNEYS PER 2025 LIST	# OF ATTORNEYS PER 2022 LIST	% CHANGE
1	D.Law	40	3	1233.3%
2	Shegerian & Associates	50	20	150.0%
3	Wilson Sonsini	66	30	120.0%
4	Troutman Pepper	52	25	108.0%
5	Snell & Wilmer	46	23	100.0%
6	Willkie Farr & Gallagher	102	52	96.2%
7	K&L Gates	43	24	79.2%
8	Bradley, Gmelich & Wellerstein	46	26	76.9%
9	Wilson Elser Moskowitz Edelman & Dicker	98	56	75.0%
10	Womble Bond Dickinson	61	35	74.3%
11	Reed Smith	94	56	67.9%
12	Fisher Phillips	74	45	64.4%
13	Nixon Peabody	85	52	63.5%
14	Goodwin	129	80	61.3%
15	Barnes & Thornburg	90	56	60.7%
16	Lawyers for Justice	40	25	60.0%
17	TroyGould	44	28	57.1%
18	LightGabler	25	16	56.3%
19	Polsinelli	87	56	55.4%
20	Squire Patton Boggs	68	44	54.5%
21	Holland & Knight	86	56	53.6%
22	Venable	100	66	51.5%
23	Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan	181	120	50.8%
24	Munck Wilson Mandala	18	12	50.0%
24	Scali Rasmussen	15	10	50.0%
26	Liebert Cassidy Whitmore	81	55	47.3%
27	Baker McKenzie	48	33	45.5%
28	Orrick Herrington & Sutcliffe	122	84	45.2%
28	Norton Rose Fulbright	61	42	45.2%
30	Crowell & Moring	46	32	43.8%
31	Larson	41	29	41.4%
32	Tucker Ellis	45	32	40.6%
32	Panish Shea Ravipudi	45	32	40.6%
34	Covington & Burling	70	50	40.0%
34	Albert & Mackenzie	56	40	40.0%
36	Simpson Thacher & Bartlett	58	42	38.1%
37	Collins + Collins	45	33	36.4%
38	Jackson Lewis	91	68	33.8%
39	Irell & Manella	58	44	31.8%
40	Wood Smith Henning & Berman	81	62	30.6%
41	YOKA I SMITH	30	23	30.4%
42	WilmerHale	40	31	29.0%
43	Alston & Bird	98	76	28.9%
44	Gordon Rees Scully Mansukhani	109	85	28.2%
45	Horvitz & Levy	41	32	28.1%
46	Hogan Lovells	46	36	27.8%
47	Yukevich I Cavanaugh	37	29	27.6%
48	Cozen O'Connor	51	40	27.5%
49	Weinstock Manion	24	19	26.3%
50	Ivie McNeill Wyatt Purcell & Diggs	35	28	25.0%

Explosive Growth

1,233%

D.Law saw a staggering 1,233% increase in attorney count — jumping from just three to 40 in three years, the highest percentage growth on the list.

Boutique Firms on the Rise

Firms like Shegerian & Associates and Wilson Sonsini more than doubled their L.A. presence, reflecting aggressive scaling and demand in niche legal areas.

Not Just Growth — Big Numbers Too

Willkie Farr & Gallagher

96%

Goodwin

61%

Firms such as Willkie Farr & Gallagher and Goodwin posted high percentage gains (96% and 61%) while already having sizable teams, showing both momentum and market confidence.

Steady Expansion Across the Board

More than 40 firms increased headcount by over 25%, with players like Tucker Ellis, Barnes & Thornburg, and Liebert Cassidy Whitmore making solid gains — signaling a broadly expanding legal landscape in L.A.

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