

Summer 2017 Market Report



Summary: *Get the lowdown on the state of the law firm hiring market for the summer of 2017.*

Summer has proved to be an interesting time for the legal industry. The market has remained steady with a few surprises in some regions of practice areas picking up steam or completely drying out. Litigation, Corporate, Real Estate, and Labor & Employment tend to be the most common top practice areas. Bankruptcy is still pretty much non-existent. Be sure to check the full report to get details since some areas are focused on hiring partners with large books of business while other areas want lateral hires with specific years of experience.

To view the whole report, go [here](#).

San Francisco

Top Practice Areas: Corporate & Finance, Employment & Labor, Litigation, Patent Prosecution, Real Estate

Silicon Valley

Top Practice Areas: Corporate & Corporate Finance, Litigation, Patent Litigation, Patent Prosecution, Technology Transactions, Data Privacy, Employee Benefits & Executive Compensation/ERISA, Employment & Labor, Real Estate, Tax, Trusts & Estates

San Diego

Top Practice Areas: Litigation, Corporate, Labor & Employment, Patent Prosecution

Los Angeles

Top Practice Areas: Corporate, Employment & Labor, Family Law, Litigation, Real Estate, Patent Prosecution, Entertainment, Environmental, Executive Compensation/Employee Benefits/ERISA, Healthcare, Tax, Patent Litigation, Trademark, Trusts & Estates,

Orange County

Top Practice Areas: Litigation, Patent Prosecution, Corporate, Labor & Employment,

Seattle

Top Practice Areas: Litigation, ERISA/Executive Compensation/Employee Benefits, Corporate, Labor & Employment, Patent Prosecution, Real Estate

Portland

Top Practice Areas: Litigation, Labor & Employment, Corporate

Phoenix

Top Practice Areas: Litigation, Corporate & Corporate Finance, Labor & Employment, Real Estate

Denver

Top Practice Areas: Corporate, Labor & Employment, Litigation, Real Estate, Intellectual Property, Environmental & Energy

Las Vegas

Top Practice Areas: Litigation, Labor & Employment

Chicago

Top Practice Areas: Corporate & Corporate Finance, Litigation, Healthcare, Intellectual Property

Indianapolis

Indianapolis has had a pretty slow summer. Partners with over \$1 million in portable business will see greater chances of success. The law firms in this region are less concerned with lateral associates.

Wisconsin

This region wants to see at least \$750,000 in portable business with partners. For associates the top practice areas are intellectual property, corporate, labor & employment, healthcare, and trusts & estates.

Minneapolis/Saint Paul

Top Practice Areas: Intellectual Property, Employment Law, and Litigation

Saint Louis

Top Practice Areas: Litigation, Patent Prosecution, and Intellectual Property.

Michigan

Top Practice Areas: Litigation, Corporate & Transactional, Tax, and Employment & Labor

Ohio

The right candidate can find a position in just about any practice area in Cleveland, Cincinnati and Columbus.

Boston

Top Practice Areas: Corporate, Intellectual Property, Litigation, and Real Estate

Washington D.C.

Top Practice Areas: Litigation, Corporate, Intellectual Property, Labor & Employment, ERISA, Healthcare, Real Estate, and Tax

New York

Top Practice Areas: Corporate, Fund Formation, and Real Estate

Philadelphia

Top Practice Areas: Corporate, Real Estate, and Intellectual Property

Kansas City/Missouri

Top Practice Areas: Litigation, Corporate, and ERISA/Wealth Management

Atlanta

Top Practice Areas: Corporate, Real Estate, Healthcare, Trademark, Employment, Intellectual Property, and Litigation

North Carolina

Top Practice Areas: Intellectual Property and Corporate

Texas

Top Practice Areas: Finance, Corporate, Energy and Project Finance, Labor & Employment, and Patent Prosecution

Louisiana

Top Practice Areas: Litigation

Tennessee

Top Practice Areas: Litigation, Intellectual Property, Healthcare, and Corporate

Florida

Top Practice Areas: Litigation, Real Estate, and Trusts & Estates

Are there any practice areas that surprised you? Tell us in the comments below.

To learn more about previous market reports, read these articles:

- [Spring 2017 State of the Market Report](#)
- [State of the Fall 2016 Law Firm Hiring Market](#)
- [BCG Attorney Search Summer 2015 State of the Market Report Released](#)

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