



BEST USE OF TECHNOLOGY

In the name of client service, the finalists for this award implemented technology in new and exciting ways. They created an interactive, web-based platform that allows lawyers to quickly and clearly analyze a case from beginning to end, used automation to bring transparency to deal-making and revamp a matter management system, and more. **FINALISTS:** Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld; Kirkland & Ellis; McGuireWoods; **Morgan, Lewis & Bockius**; Norton Rose Fulbright; Reed Smith; Seyfarth Shaw.

BEST CLIENT/LAW FIRM TEAM

The best examples of a client and law firm team are true partnerships, those in which both sides benefit from a shared vision and execution. The finalists for this award work together so seamlessly that the law firms function as extensions of the legal departments—and in some cases have lawyers embedded within them. They have maximized efficiency, streamlined processes and navigated crises together. And both sides are better for it. **FINALISTS:** Akin Gump/Trinity Industries Inc.; Ballard Spahr/Hertz Corp.; **Morgan Lewis**/Aramark; Quarles & Brady/MillerCoors LLC; Seyfarth Shaw/7-Eleven; Sullivan & Cromwell/Volkswagen AG.

BEST LAW FIRM BUSINESS TEAM

This award was designed to honor the increasingly important role of the business professional within a law firm, and to recognize those teams that have had a clear impact on their organization. The finalists improved legal project management, developed valuable outside relationships, leveraged data for better pricing and decision-making, and more. **FINALISTS:** Hogan Lovells; Latham & Watkins; **Morgan Lewis**; Orrick; Reed Smith.

REGIONAL LITIGATION DEPARTMENTS OF THE YEAR

There are all-star lawyers practicing all across the country, as our regional litigation finalists show. The work done by these firms' litigation departments was performed well beyond the given jurisdiction, but it was done in each case by lawyers based within those jurisdictions. Taken as a whole, this group of litigation practices demonstrates the excellent work being done across the legal spectrum. **CALIFORNIA:** Cooley; Covington & Burling; Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher; Morrison & Foerster; O'Melveny & Myers; Sidley Austin. **GEORGIA:** Greenberg Traurig; King & Spalding. **FLORIDA:** Carlton Fields; Holland & Knight. **NEW JERSEY:** Blank Rome; Marshall Dennehey Warner Coleman & Goggin. **PENNSYLVANIA:** Akin Gump; Dechert; Greenberg Traurig; **Morgan Lewis**. **TEXAS:** Gibson Dunn; **Morgan Lewis**; Susman Godfrey; Vinson & Elkins.