

The Top 10 Patent Law Firms that Lose the Fewest Independent Claims



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When measuring the overall success and efficiency of a law firm's patent prosecution practice, there are several metrics available, including overall allowance rate, time to disposition, and average number of office actions. Allowance rate is one of the most common metrics, but allowance rate merely tells us how many applications received NOAs, and nothing of the quality of those applications. Besides merely getting an application allowed, clients are also concerned about the quality and scope of

their claims. One way to determine this is by measuring how well a law firm preserves claims through prosecution.

Below is a ranking of the top 10 patent law firms that lose the fewest independent claims in prosecution among IP Today's top patent firms for 2015. We measured claim preservation by determining a law firm's average number of independent claims per

application at publication and comparing this to the firm's average number of claims per application at allowance. The following list is composed of firms that registered no change or a decline in number of claims and is ranked based on percent change between publication and allowance.

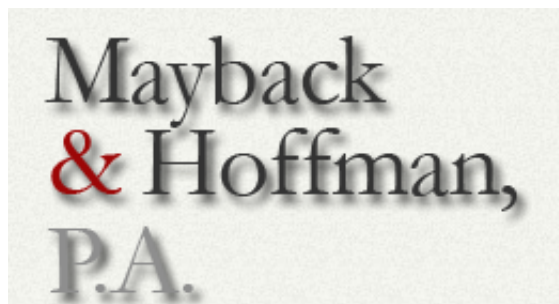


1. Ziolkowski Patent Solutions Group, SC (0%)



In first place is Ziolkowski Patent Solutions Group, an IP boutique located in the Milwaukee metro area. Its average number of independent claims at publication is 3.33 and the average number at allowance is also 3.33, indicating no change. Despite its small size, the firm has demonstrated a strong commitment to community involvement, including sponsoring the Leukemia & Lymphoma SS150 Fundraiser, a cycling event hosted by the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, and Camp Invention, a summer camp for children providing enrichment in the sciences, math, history, and art.

2. Mayback & Hoffman, PA (-0.71%)



Mayback & Hoffman is an IP boutique located in the Miami metro area. Its average

number of independent claims at publication is 2.59 and the average number at allowance is 2.57. Since its founding, the firm has been interested in the global protection of intellectual property, representing clients from Australia, Brazil, China, India, Japan, and South Africa, among others. When they're not busy representing globetrotting clients, its attorneys engage in extensive IP scholarship and enjoy off-road biking.

3. McGinn Intellectual Property Law Group, PLLC (-0.85%)



McGinn Intellectual Property Law Group is an IP boutique located in Northern Virginia. Its average number of independent claims at publication is 2.84 and the average number at allowance is 2.81. McGinn's placement in the top 10 firms that lose the fewest independent claims is fitting, given that Mr. Sean McGinn has served as a claims drafting instructor for the Patent Bar Review Course since 1992 and is an instructor for the Advanced Application and Amendment Writing Workshop sponsored by the Patent Resources Group.

4. Studebaker & Brackett, PC (-1.49%)



Studebaker & Brackett is an IP boutique specializing exclusively in patent prosecution, opinions, and reexaminations, and is located in Northern Virginia. Its average number of independent claims at publication is 2.28 and the average number at allowance is 2.24. The firm operates an extensive training program wherein its overseas clients' trainees are sent to work on their company's matters with Studebaker & Brackett attorneys, who provide guidance and expertise regarding US patent law in addition to helping the trainees perfect their English language skills.

5. Flynn, Thiel, Boutell & Tanis, PC (-2.28%)



Flynn, Thiel, Boutell & Tanis is an IP boutique providing a wide range of IP services, and is located in Kalamazoo, Michigan. Its average number of independent claims at publication is 2.49 and the average number at allowance is 2.43. Its attorneys focus their practice on a wide range of patent technologies, including software, business methods, and plants.

6. Christopher P. Maiorana, PC (-2.35%)

Maiorana, P.C.
Patent Law - Established 1998

Christopher P. Maiorana, PC is an IP boutique located in the Detroit metro area, with a large portion of its work focusing on computer and semiconductor patent applications. Its average number of independent claims at publication is 3.38 and the average number at allowance is 3.30. Despite its small size of only three attorneys, the firm has successfully obtained over 1,500 patents for its clients, placing it in the top 15% of firms based on the number of patents issued per attorney.

7. Muncy, Geissler, Olds & Lowe, PC (-2.85%)



Muncy, Geissler, Olds & Lowe is a boutique IP firm located in Northern Virginia. Its average number of independent claims at publication is 3.43 and the average number at allowance is 3.32. As a younger law firm, Muncy, Geissler, Olds & Lowe seems to have found early success. Founded in 2006 with two attorneys, the firm has grown rapidly in the intervening years, to a total of 58 employees in 2015.

8. Myers Wolin, LLC (-3.04%)



Myers Wolin is a boutique IP firm offering a full range of IP services with offices in New York and Morristown, New Jersey. Its average number of independent claims at publication is 3.43 and the average number at allowance is 3.32. This is Myers Wolin's second appearance on a Juristat Top 10 list. In addition to losing very few independent claims, it also has one of the highest allowance rates in TC 2400.

9. Slater & Matsil, LLP (-3.13%)



Slater & Matsil is an IP boutique located in Dallas with a focus on patent and trademark. Its average number of claims at publication is 3.56 and the average number at grant is 3.45. The firm has established itself as a major player in the Texas IP law community, with Steven Slater and Ira Matsil both being honored as Texas Super Lawyers, and Mr. Matsil having served as the director of the IP Section of the Dallas Bar Association.

10. Posz Law Group (-3.34%)



Posz Law Group is an IP boutique firm located in Northern Virginia with a focus on patent and trademark prosecution. Its average number of independent claims at publication is 2.71 and the average number at allowance is 2.62. Its attorneys have experience in the fields of semiconductors, wireless communications systems, software, medical devices, and e-commerce, among others.