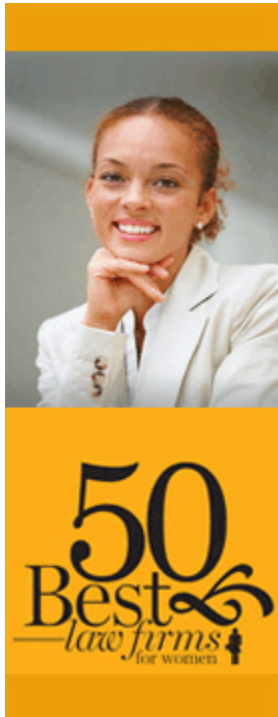


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## No Shame On These Biglaw Firms XX: Working Mother's 50 Best Law Firms for Women

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[Working Mother](#) Magazine has released its annual review of law firms and named the [50 Best Law Firms for Women](#). No shame on these firms (unlike the one in our [caption contest](#)), at least when it comes to "flex-time, reduced-hour and other family-friendly policies":

[O]ur winning firms have more lawyers working reduced hours (8 percent versus 5 percent nationwide) and also employ more female equity partners, who share in their firm's profits (20 percent versus 16 percent nationwide)--and that's just for starters. We salute these firms for recognizing that making the legal profession work for women is good business for everyone.

As pointed out by the [ABA Journal](#):

A bad economy may be hurting law firms, but it's opening up more flex-time opportunities for male as well as female lawyers.

Only one firm from the top five most prestigious -- [as ranked by Vault last year](#) -- made the cut.

Of Vault's [top five](#) most prestigious firms, only [Davis Polk](#) was ranked female friendly by Working Mother. Here's the full list from the Working Mother [press release](#) via [ABA Journal](#):

### The 2009 Working Mother & Flex-Time Lawyers Best Law Firms for Women

#### Firm; Location - Number of Lawyers in the Firm

Alston & Bird; Atlanta, Ga. - 933  
Andrews Kurth; Houston, Texas - 425  
Arent Fox; Washington, D.C. - 340  
Bass, Berry & Sims; Nashville, Tenn. - 254  
Chapman and Cutler; Chicago, Ill. - 225  
Covington & Burling; Washington, D.C. - 771  
Davis Polk & Wardwell; New York, N.Y. - 680  
Debevoise & Plimpton; New York, N.Y. - 570  
Dorsey & Whitney; Minneapolis, Minn. - 623  
Drinker Biddle & Reath; Philadelphia, Pa. - 687  
Foley Hoag; Boston, MA - 250  
Folger Levin & Kahn; San Francisco, Calif. - 61  
Fox Rothschild; Philadelphia, Pa. - 466  
Frankfurt Kurnit Klein & Selz; New York, N.Y. - 57  
Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson; New York, N.Y. - 539  
Frost Brown Todd; Cincinnati, Ohio - 376  
Gibbons P.C.; Newark, N.J. - 230  
Goodwin Procter; Boston, Mass. - 941  
Gray Plant Mooty Law Firm; Minneapolis, Minn. - 165  
Hanson Bridgett; San Francisco, Calif. - 162  
Holland & Hart; Denver, Colo. - 441  
Honigman Miller Schwartz and Cohn; Detroit, Mich. - 239  
Ice Miller; Indianapolis, Ind. - 260

Jenner & Block; Chicago, Ill. - 484  
Katten Muchin Rosenman; Chicago, Ill. - 653  
Latham & Watkins; Global. - 1,714  
Lindquist & Vennum; Minneapolis, Minn. - 187  
Littler Mendelson; San Francisco, Calif. - 722  
Lowenstein Sandler; Roseland, N.J. - 276  
Manatt, Phelps & Phillips; Los Angeles, Calif. - 389  
McGuireWoods; Richmond, Va. - 854  
Miller & Chevalier Chartered; Washington, D.C. - 96  
Morrison & Foerster; New York, N.Y. - 976  
Munger, Tolles & Olson; Los Angeles, Calif. - 219  
Neal, Gerber & Eisenberg; Chicago, Ill. - 199  
Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe; New York, N.Y. - 815  
Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison; New York, N.Y. - 530  
Perkins Coie; Chicago, Ill. - 720  
Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman; San Francisco, Calif. - 929  
Quarles & Brady; Phoenix, Ariz. - 499  
Shook, Hardy & Bacon; Kansas City, Mo. - 511  
Sidley Austin; Chicago, Ill. - 1,598  
Simpson Thacher & Bartlett; New York, N.Y. - 821  
Smith Moore Leatherwood; Greenville, S.C. - 181  
Steptoe & Johnson; Washington, D.C. - 465  
Sterne, Kessler, Goldstein & Fox; Washington, D.C. - 99  
Vinson & Elkins; Houston, Texas - 704  
Weil, Gotshal & Manges; New York, N.Y. - 1,394  
WilmerHale; Boston, Mass. - 1,085  
Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati; New York, N.Y. - 670

If your firm didn't make the cut, do you think it should have?

If your firm did make the cut, was it deserved? And do you plan to immediately get preggers and start padding around the office barefoot?

[50 Best Law Firms for Women](#) [Working Mother]

[Top Law Firms Named for Working Moms; 62% Allow Full-Time Telecommuting](#) [ABA Journal]