

A nationwide sampling of law firm billing rates

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The National Law Journal asked the respondents to its 2008 survey of the nation's 250 largest law firms to provide a range of hourly billing rates for partners and associates. Firms that supplied this information--including some firms that are not in the NLJ 250--are listed below in alphabetical order. We also asked firms to provide average and median billing rates, and several complied. The number after a firm's name indicates the total number of attorneys at the firm. The city listed below the name of a firm is the location of its principal or largest office .

Adams and Reese (253) (New Orleans)
Partners \$240-\$425 (average \$318) (median \$310)
Associates \$175-\$300 (average \$209) (median \$205)
Firmwide (average \$257) (median \$265)

Arent Fox (336) (Washington)
Partners \$410-\$710
Associates \$260-\$465
Armstrong Teasdale (252) (St. Louis)
Partners \$295-\$450
Associates \$175-\$300

Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz (549) (Memphis, Tenn.)
Partners \$230-\$525 (average \$339) (median \$330)
Associates \$120-\$330 (average \$218) (median \$220)
Firmwide (average \$295) (median \$290)

Balch & Bingham (244) (Birmingham, Ala.)
Partners \$295-\$600
Associates \$200-\$280

Bass, Berry & Sims (211) (Nashville, Tenn.)
Partners \$240-\$575 (average \$408) (median \$408)
Associates \$180-\$310 (average \$245) (median \$245)
Firmwide (average \$378) (median \$378)

Best Best & Krieger (198) (Riverside, Calif.)
Partners \$300-\$550 (average \$410) (median \$420)
Associates \$175-\$365 (average \$245) (median \$240)
Firmwide (average \$307) (median \$300)

Blank Rome (503) (Philadelphia)
Partners \$425-\$785 (average \$525)
Associates \$245-\$485 (average \$332)
Firmwide (average \$400)

Bond, Schoeneck & King (189) (Syracuse, N.Y.)
Partners \$210-\$450 (average \$308) (median \$310)
Associates \$150-\$250 (average \$187) (median \$185)
Firmwide (average \$268) (median \$275)

Bradley Arant Rose & White (255) (Birmingham, Ala.)
Partners \$260-\$550
Associates \$170-\$310

Briggs and Morgan (175) (Minneapolis)
Partners \$300-\$580 (average \$420) (median \$425)
Associates \$195-\$290 (average \$229) (median \$225)
Firmwide (average \$368) (median \$390)

Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione (171) (Chicago)
Partners \$320-\$700 (average \$499) (median \$500)
Associates \$180-\$435 (average \$281) (median \$275)
Firmwide (average \$392) (median \$390)

Broad and Cassel (179) (Orlando, Fla.)
Partners \$290-\$475 (average \$378) (median \$375)
Associates \$175-\$320 (average \$245) (median \$248)
Firmwide (average \$314) (median \$310)

Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck (235) (Denver)
Partners \$275-\$750 (average \$424) (median \$400)
Associates \$160-\$285 (average \$234) (median \$240)
Firmwide (average \$340) (median \$325)

Bryan Cave (852) (St. Louis)
Partners \$340-\$750 (average \$525) (median \$510)
Associates \$170-\$510 (average \$314) (median \$310)
Firmwide (average \$424) (median \$405)

Buchalter Nemer (146) (Los Angeles)
Partners \$260-\$600 (average \$448) (median \$450)
Associates \$225-\$450 (average \$283) (median \$275)
Firmwide (average \$384) (median \$375)

Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney (529) (Pittsburgh)
Partners \$300-\$1,020
Associates \$100-\$520

Bullivant Houser Bailey (153) (Portland, Ore.)
Partners \$275-\$525

Associates \$190-\$325

Burr & Forman (208) (Birmingham, Ala.)

Partners \$210-\$495 (average \$352) (median \$350)

Associates \$165-\$305 (average \$235) (median \$230)

Firmwide (average \$271) (median \$295)

Butzel Long (243) (Detroit)

Partners \$300-\$650

Associates \$180-\$290

Carlton Fields (281) (Tampa, Fla.)

Partners \$305-\$650 (average \$435) (median \$435)

Associates \$195-\$335 (average \$267) (median \$265)

Firmwide (average \$334) (median \$325)

Cooley Godward Kronish (618) (Palo Alto, Calif.)

Partners \$525-\$980

Associates \$285-\$570

Cozen O'Connor (478) (Philadelphia)

Partners \$240-\$840 (average \$457) (median \$455)

Associates \$205-\$650 (average \$342) (median \$325)

Firmwide (average \$397) (median \$385)

Curtis, Mallet-Prevost, Colt & Mosle (235) (New York)

Partners \$675-\$785 (average \$730) (median \$730)

Associates \$290-\$575 (average \$434) (median \$435)

Firmwide (average \$520) (median \$515)

Davis Wright Tremaine (467) (Seattle)

Partners \$300-\$710 (average \$455) (median \$450)

Associates \$190-\$405 (average \$280) (median \$280)

Firmwide (average \$395) (median \$395)

Day Pitney (405) (Florham Park, N.J.)

Partners \$295-\$710

Associates \$220-\$450

Dickinson Wright (228) (Detroit)

Partners \$275-\$550

Associates \$180-\$300

Dickstein Shapiro (403) (Washington)

Partners \$475-\$895 (average \$607) (median \$605)

Associates \$250-\$475 (average \$378) (median \$395)

Firmwide (average \$493) (median \$485)

Dinsmore & Shohl (347) (Cincinnati)

Partners \$220-\$495 (average \$347) (median \$338)

Associates \$160-\$305 (average \$202) (median \$198)

Firmwide (average \$284) (median \$275)

Dorsey & Whitney (670) (Minneapolis)

Partners \$235-\$1,180 (average \$505) (median \$510)

Associates \$170-\$820 (average \$301) (median \$335)

Firmwide (average \$407) (median \$430)

Duane Morris (594) (Philadelphia)

Partners \$340-\$755 (average \$490) (median \$505)

Associates \$230-\$510 (average \$326) (median \$350)

Firmwide (average \$449) (median \$450)

Dykema Gossett (374) (Detroit)

Partners \$265-\$650 (average \$415)

Associates \$170-\$435 (average \$277)

Edwards Angell Palmer & Dodge (576) (Boston)

Partners \$325-\$755

Associates \$170-\$480

Firmwide (median \$450)

Epstein Becker & Green (372) (New York)

Partners \$350-\$850 (average \$501) (median \$495)

Associates \$175-\$450 (average \$312) (median \$300)

Firmwide (average \$406) (median \$400)

Fisher & Phillips (208) (Atlanta)

Partners \$330-\$505

Associates \$195-\$380

Foley & Lardner (1,032) (Milwaukee)

Partners (average \$596) (median \$585)

Associates (average \$405) (median \$395)

Firmwide \$185-\$985 (average \$508) (median \$520)

Ford & Harrison (179) (Atlanta)

Partners \$325-\$585

Associates \$245-\$505

Fowler White Boggs Banker (201 * (Tampa, Fla.)

Partners \$175-\$525 (average \$360) (median \$350)

Associates \$160-\$325 (average \$222) (median \$220)
Firmwide (average \$314) (median \$325) (*Total prior to subsequent firm split.)

Fox Rothschild (440) (Philadelphia)
Partners \$250-\$590 (average \$443) (median \$450)
Associates \$215-\$395 (average \$275) (median \$260)
Firmwide (average \$378) (median \$375)

Fredrikson & Byron (233) (Minneapolis)
Partners \$250-\$590 (average \$402) (median \$395)
Associates \$150-\$315 (average \$237) (median \$225)
Firmwide (average \$340) (median \$340)

Frost Brown Todd (342) (Cincinnati)
Partners \$225-\$490 (average \$317) (median \$310)
Associates \$145-\$260 (average \$188) (median \$180)
Firmwide (average \$272) (median \$270)

Gardere Wynne Sewell (281) (Dallas)
Partners \$380-\$750 (average \$502) (median \$500)
Associates \$210-\$450 (average \$306) (median \$300)
Firmwide (average \$374) (median \$390)

Gibbons (230) (Newark, N.J.)

Partners \$375-\$700
Associates \$220-\$415

GrayRobinson (213) (Orlando, Fla.)
Partners \$200-\$650 (average \$310) (median \$285)
Associates \$125-\$275 (average \$164) (median \$167)
Firmwide (average \$239) (median \$252)

Greenberg Traurig (1,840) (New York)
Partners \$335-\$850 (average \$520) (median \$535)
Associates \$175-\$525 (average \$323) (median \$325)
Firmwide (average \$426) (median \$425)

Harris Beach (179) (Rochester, N.Y.)
Partners \$250-\$475
Associates \$140-\$275

Hiscock & Barclay (187) (Syracuse, N.Y.)
Partners \$190-\$650 (average \$361) (median \$359)
Associates \$145-\$430 (average \$235) (median \$224)
Firmwide (average \$319) (median \$322)

Hodgson Russ (227) (Buffalo, N.Y.)
Partners \$240-\$665 (average \$355) (median \$350)
Associates \$165-\$450 (average \$230) (median \$235)
Firmwide (average \$303) (median \$300)

Hogan & Hartson (1,175) (Washington)
Partners \$375-\$900 (average \$660) (median \$650)
Associates \$150-\$550 (average \$410) (median \$400)
Firmwide (average \$525) (median \$525)

Holland & Hart (406) (Denver)
Partners \$295-\$615 (average \$414) (median \$405)
Associates \$175-\$355 (average \$269) (median \$275)
Firmwide (average \$350) (median \$345)

Holme Roberts & Owen (228) (Denver)
Partners \$285-\$635 (average \$415) (median \$410)
Associates \$160-\$525 (average \$294) (median \$265)
Firmwide (average \$355) (median \$345)

Howard Rice Nemerovski Canady Falk & Rabkin (102) (San Francisco)
Partners \$515-\$795
Associates \$275-\$510

Hughes Hubbard & Reed (334) (New York)
Partners \$625-\$875
Associates \$270-\$600

Husch Blackwell Sanders (629) (St. Louis)
Partners \$205-\$740 (average \$352) (median \$340)
Associates \$150-\$380 (average \$218) (median \$215)
Firmwide (average \$302) (median \$300)

Jackson Kelly (187) (Charleston, W.Va.)
Partners \$200-\$435 (average \$238) (median \$247)
Associates \$135-\$335 (average \$155) (median \$151)
Firmwide (average \$214) (median \$212)

Jackson Lewis (517) (White Plains, N.Y.)
Partners \$250-\$595
Associates \$180-\$405

Jenner & Block (482) (Chicago)
Partners \$525-\$1,000 (average \$616) (median \$575)
Associates \$325-\$495 (average \$393) (median \$375)

Jones, Walker, Waechter, Poitevent, Carrère & Denègre (264) (New Orleans)
Partners \$225-\$620 (average \$332) (median \$325)
Associates \$140-\$250 (average \$186) (median \$180)
Firmwide (average \$277) (median \$275)

Kilpatrick Stockton (466) (Atlanta)
Partners \$310-\$695 (average \$485) (median \$475)
Associates \$225-\$400 (average \$290) (median \$275)
Firmwide (average \$400) (median \$395)

Kelley Drye & Warren (378) (New York)
Partners \$430-\$850
Associates \$255-\$520

Knobbe, Martens, Olson & Bear (249) (Irvine, Calif.)
Partners \$375-\$660 (average \$473) (median \$450)
Associates \$245-\$430 (average \$287) (median \$275)
Firmwide (median \$362)

Lane Powell (170) (Seattle)
Partners \$325-\$550 (average \$405) (median \$400)
Associates \$195-\$325 (average \$270) (median \$275)
Firmwide (average \$327) (median \$350)

Lathrop & Gage (281) (Kansas City, Mo.)
Partners \$255-\$490
Associates \$180-\$265

Leonard, Street and Deinard (189) (Minneapolis)
Partners \$310-\$530
Associates \$200-\$315

Lewis, Rice & Fingersh (164) (St. Louis)
Partners \$225-\$440
Associates \$140-\$305

Lindquist & Vennum (185) (Minneapolis)
Partners \$280-\$450 (average \$367) (median \$375)
Associates \$180-\$295 (average \$218) (median \$210)
Firmwide (average \$309) (median \$330)

Locke Lord Bissell & Liddell (707) (Dallas)
Partners \$375-\$975 (average \$527) (median \$525)
Associates \$225-\$450 (average \$313) (median \$300)
Firmwide (average \$433) (median \$450)

Loeb & Loeb (310) (New York)
Partners \$450-\$925 (average \$651) (median \$650)
Associates \$260-\$500 (average \$422) (median \$425)
Firmwide (average \$534) (median \$500)

Lowenstein Sandler (278) (Roseland, N.J.)

Partners \$400-\$765
Associates \$220-\$405

Luce, Forward, Hamilton & Scripps (187) (San Diego)
Partners \$350-\$650 (average \$483) (median \$483)
Associates \$235-\$460 (average \$293) (median \$280)
Firmwide (average \$397) (median \$400)

Manatt, Phelps & Phillips (358) (Los Angeles)
Partners \$495-\$850 (average \$626) (median \$620)
Associates \$290-\$505 (average \$407) (median \$410)
Firmwide (average \$533) (median \$550)

Marshall, Dennehey, Warner, Coleman & Goggin (408) (Philadelphia)
Partners \$135-\$400
Associates \$120-\$300

McCarter & English (399) (Newark, N.J.)

Partners \$325-\$635 (average \$435) (median \$440)
Associates \$215-\$395 (average \$280) (median \$285)
Firmwide (average \$353) (median \$345)

McElroy, Deutsch, Mulvaney & Carpenter (232) (Morristown, N.J.)

Partners \$295-\$450 (average \$250) (median \$235)
Associates \$135-\$225 (average \$180) (median \$165)
Firmwide (average \$195) (median \$215)

McKee Nelson (202) (New York)
Partners \$665-\$995
Associates \$395-\$630

McKenna Long & Aldridge (435) (Atlanta)
Partners \$370-\$750 (average \$454)
Associates \$220-\$450 (average \$274)

Michael Best & Friedrich (229) (Milwaukee)
Partners \$235-\$620 (average \$391) (median \$375)
Associates \$190-\$330 (average \$252) (median \$245)
Firmwide (average \$340) (median \$305)

Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone (387) (Detroit)
Partners \$275-\$620 (average \$425) (median \$425)
Associates \$165-\$375 (average \$240) (median \$240)
Firmwide (average \$347) (median \$355)

Miller & Martin (198) (Chattanooga, Tenn.)
Partners \$210-\$610 (average \$354) (median \$360)
Associates \$180-\$305 (average \$210) (median \$205)
Firmwide (average \$316) (median \$330)

Montgomery, McCracken, Walker & Rhoads (151) (Philadelphia)
Partners \$360-\$585 (average \$440)
Associates \$195-\$365 (average \$270)
Firmwide (average \$360)

Moore & Van Allen (300) (Charlotte, N.C.)
Partners \$280-\$770 (average \$425) (median \$410)
Associates \$180-\$365 (average \$256) (median \$250)
Firmwide (average \$283) (median \$273)

Nexsen Pruet (174) (Columbia, S.C.)
Partners \$250-\$450
Associates \$170-\$250

Nixon Peabody (699) (Boston)
Partners \$565-\$845 (average \$570) (median \$590)
Associates \$230-\$350 (average \$370) (median \$365)
Firmwide (average \$468) (median \$430)

Ogletree, Deakins, Nash, Smoak & Stewart (428) (Greenville, S.C.)
Partners \$275-\$600 (average \$367)
Associates \$185-\$380 (average \$266)
Firmwide (average \$325)

Patton Boggs (529) (Washington)
Partners \$360-\$990 (average \$586) (median \$570)
Associates \$244-\$535 (average \$372) (median \$385)
Firmwide (average \$440) (median \$455)

Pepper Hamilton (514) (Philadelphia)
Partners \$385-\$795
Associates \$240-\$395

Perkins Coie (632) (Seattle)
Partners \$260-\$785 (average \$498)
Associates \$165-\$515 (average \$329)

Phelps Dunbar (258) (New Orleans)
Partners \$170-\$450 (average \$256) (median \$250)
Associates \$130-\$260 (average \$171) (median \$165)
Firmwide (average \$213) (median \$205)

Phillips Lytle (179) (Buffalo, N.Y.)
Partners \$250-\$475 (average \$334) (median \$330)
Associates \$155-\$355 (average \$230) (median \$220)
Firmwide (average \$288) (median \$300)

Polsinelli Shalton Flanigan Suelthaus (304) (Kansas City, Mo.)
Partners \$250-\$600
Associates \$175-\$275

Quarles & Brady (450) (Milwaukee)
Partners \$280-\$625 (average \$419) (median \$420)
Associates \$200-\$375 (average \$252) (median \$245)
Firmwide (average \$347) (median \$342)

Reed Smith (1,558 *) (Pittsburgh)
Partners \$375-\$900 (average \$626) (median \$585)
Associates \$235-\$580 (average \$423) (median \$390)
Firmwide (average \$441) (median \$425) (*National Association for Law Placement figure. The firm recently reported an attorney count of 1,505.)

Robinson & Cole (215) (Hartford, Conn.)
Partners \$320-\$650 (average \$436) (median \$440)
Associates \$210-\$350 (average \$276) (median \$275)
Firmwide (average \$346) (median \$350)

Roetzel & Andress (227) (Akron, Ohio)
Partners \$225-\$500 (average \$333) (median \$325)
Associates \$170-\$295 (average \$219) (median \$215)
Firmwide (average \$292) (median \$300)

Rutan & Tucker (140) (Costa Mesa, Calif.)
Partners \$315-\$635
Associates \$220-\$370

Saul Ewing (231) (Philadelphia)
Partners \$295-\$800 (average \$441) (median \$430)
Associates \$205-\$535 (average \$285) (median \$255)
Firmwide (average \$372) (median \$380)

Schnader Harrison Segal & Lewis (189) (Philadelphia)

Partners \$275-\$625
Associates \$160-\$375

Schulte Roth & Zabel (481) (New York)
Partners \$695-\$895 (average \$770) (median \$755)
Associates \$255-\$650 (average \$495) (median \$510)
Firmwide (average \$550) (median \$530)

Sedgwick, Detert, Moran & Arnold (380) (San Francisco)
Partners \$295-\$650 (average \$398) (median \$380)
Associates \$185-\$390 (average \$262) (median \$260)
Firmwide (average \$318) (median \$300)

Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton (458) (Los Angeles)
Partners \$475-\$795
Associates \$275-\$455 (up to \$580 in New York)

Shughart Thomson & Kilroy (179) (Kansas City, Mo.)
Partners \$240-\$500
Associates \$185-\$245

Shumaker, Loop & Kendrick (180) (Toledo, Ohio)
Partners \$225-\$500 (average \$329) (median \$325)
Associates \$185-\$380 (average \$227) (median \$225)
Firmwide (average \$297) (median \$315)

Shutts & Bowen (203) (Miami)
Partners \$190-\$540
Associates \$190-\$240

Sills Cummis & Gross (165) (Newark, N.J.)
Partners \$395-\$725
Associates \$215-\$425

Smith, Gambrell & Russell (181) (Atlanta)
Partners \$260-\$595
Associates \$155-\$335

Snell & Wilmer (440) (Phoenix)
Partners \$300-\$725 (average \$444)
Associates \$170-\$420 (average \$271)
Firmwide (average \$354)

Step toe & Johnson LLP (506) (Washington)
Partners \$350-\$895 (average \$591) (median \$580)
Associates \$210-\$685 (average \$384) (median \$395)

Firmwide (average \$477) (median \$470)

Steptoe & Johnson PLLC (182) (Clarksburg, W.Va.)

Partners \$200-\$325

Associates \$170-\$250

Stinson Morrison Hecker (324) (Kansas City, Mo.)

Partners \$275-\$680 (average \$363) (median \$373)

Associates \$190-\$290 (average \$224) (median \$228)

Firmwide (average \$293) (median \$275)

Stoel Rives (350) (Portland, Ore.)

Partners \$290-\$550

Associates \$170-\$365

Strasburger & Price (194) (Dallas)

Partners \$300-\$580

Associates \$185-\$395

Firmwide (average \$334)

Sullivan & Worcester (182) (Boston)

Partners \$450-\$775 (average \$603) (median \$600)

Associates \$270-\$490 (average \$343) (median \$330)

Firmwide (average \$485) (median \$495)

Sutherland Asbill & Brennan (429) (Atlanta)

Partners \$395-\$750 (average \$543) (median \$530)

Associates \$240-\$450 (average \$316) (median \$300)

Firmwide (average \$379) (median \$380)

Taft Stettinius & Hollister (337) (Cincinnati)

Partners \$200-\$475 (average \$354) (median \$355)

Associates \$165-\$325 (average \$217) (median \$195)

Firmwide (average \$294) (median \$295)

Thompson Coburn (344) (St. Louis)

Partners \$295-\$555

Associates \$170-\$400

Thompson Hine (396) (Cleveland)

Partners \$275-\$740 (average \$425) (median \$420)

Associates \$185-\$510 (average \$240) (median \$235)

Firmwide (average \$330) (median \$325)

Thompson & Knight (458) (Dallas)

Partners \$410-\$785 (average \$545) (median \$530)

Associates \$250-\$500 (average \$334) (median \$345)
Firmwide (average \$453) (median \$450)

Ulmer & Berne (176) (Cleveland)
Partners \$230-\$495 (average \$319)
Associates \$175-\$310 (average \$205)
Firmwide (average \$262)

Vedder Price (265) (Chicago)
Partners \$310-\$685 (average \$455) (median \$445)
Associates \$235-\$390 (average \$290) (median \$290)
Firmwide (average \$385) (median \$390)

Venable (569) (Washington)
Partners \$380-\$950 (average \$530) (median \$525)
Associates \$250-\$425 (average \$329) (median \$320)
Firmwide (average \$440) (median \$440)

White & Case (2,205) (New York)
Partners \$550-\$1,260 (average \$747)
Associates \$160-\$920 (average \$456)
Firmwide (average \$513)

Wiggin and Dana (152) (New Haven, Conn.)
Partners \$360-\$600
Associates \$215-\$375

Williams Mullen (326) (Richmond, Va.)
Partners \$300-\$625 (average \$401) (median \$380)
Associates \$170-\$355 (average \$260) (median \$255)
Firmwide (average \$344) (median \$350)

Winstead (281) (Dallas)
Partners \$365-\$655 (average \$465)
Associates \$215-\$385 (average \$282)
Firmwide (average \$390)

Winston & Strawn (1,004) (Chicago)
Partners \$400-\$975 (average \$622)
Associates \$210-\$625 (average \$376)
Firmwide (average \$448)

Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice (505) (Winston-Salem, N.C.)
Partners \$285-\$750 (average \$448) (median \$450)
Associates \$140-\$370 (average \$275) (median \$275)
Firmwide (average \$248) (median \$200)

Wyatt Tarrant & Combs (198) (Louisville, Ky.)
Partners \$225-\$450 (average \$340) (median \$345)
Associates \$180-\$255 (average \$210) (median \$210)
Firmwide (average \$300) (median \$310)