

Best Law Firms to Work For 2012

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Quality of Life Ranks High at these Top 10 Law Firms



Want to know which of the nation's associates wake up excited to go to work?

It's those who work at Williams & Connolly, the firm that ranked first in [Vault's 2012 Best Law Firms to Work For](#).

Williams & Connolly top a line-up of other law firms that stand out for their thriving, nurturing environments and overall dynamite quality of life.

In order to compile the rankings, Vault surveyed associate insiders at firms across the country who gave opinions on:

- **Overall satisfaction.**
- **Associate/partner relations.**
- **Compensation.**
- **Firm culture.**
- **Formal training.**
- **Informal training.**

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- **Green initiatives.**
- **Hours.**
- **Office space.**
- **Pro bono.**
- **Selectivity.**

After hours and hours of analysis the responses determined which law firms in the country are the best to work for. And, these are the results:

1. [Williams & Connolly LLP](#)
2. [Ropes & Gray LLP](#)
3. [Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP](#)
4. [Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky and Popeo P.C.](#)
5. [Foley Hoag LLP](#)
6. [Gibson Dunn & Crutcher LLP](#)
7. [Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz, PC](#)
8. [Patterson Belknap Webb & Tyler LLP](#)
9. [Dewey & LeBoeuf LLP](#)
10. [Fish & Richardson P.C.](#)

Here are some of the comments Vault received about these top firms:

“Partners treat associates as full-fledged team members who are trusted to handle all types of projects and whose opinions are sought out and respected. This is the aspect of being a Williams & Connolly associate that is most satisfying (and, based upon what I hear from friends at other firms, most unique).” - Williams & Connelly.

“Ropes invests a lot of time and resources in both formal training and informal mentorship and it is a fantastic place to grow as an attorney as a result.” - Ropes & Gray.

For complete rankings and access to lists from previous years, read **Law Firm Rankings 2012: The 20 Best Law Firms to Work For**.

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