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The Biglaw Firms With The Highest Hourly Rates (2024)

Some lawyers are charging more than $2,600 an hour. It sure pays to be a Biglaw partner!

By Staci Zaretsky on November 14, 2024 1:07 pm Share

Biglaw firms are continuing to make money hand over fist, and that's largely made possible by their annual rate increases. But which firms have the highest rates of all? We're about to find out.

As detailed on BTI Consulting Group's Mad Clientist blog, a little over half of corporate clients say the high rates are worth it for the work they're receiving in return. But just how high are we talking?

> *The high rates paid to outside counsel are in the following ranges:*
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> - *The highest of the high flyers at $2,100 to $2,620 per*

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hour

- *Higher flyers ranging from $1,465 to $1,860*
- *High flyers ranging from $1,170 to $1,285*

> *We found plenty of rates in the $800–$900 plus range — but the rates above serve as the big demarcation points. There may be a superstition around the $1,000 mark as we found almost no rates at this mark — it always jumped to $1100.*

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Without further ado, these are the 32 firms (in alphabetical order) that took in the highest rates in 2024:

- Baker Botts
- Baker McKenzie
- Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner
- Cooley
- Cravath
- DLA Piper
- Dentons
- Greenberg Traurig
- Hogan Lovells
- Holland & Knight
- Jones Day
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- Latham & Watkins
- Littler
- Mayer Brown
- Morrison Foerster
- McDermott Will & Emery
- O'Melveny & Myers
- Paul Hastings
- Paul, Weiss
- Perkins Coie
- Pillsbury
- Quinn Emanuel
- Sidley Austin
- Skadden
- Williams & Connelly
- Winston
- Sullivan & Cromwell
- Weil
- White & Case

Will Biglaw firms increase rates again in 2025? Almost assuredly! Just keep in mind that clients' expectations are going to climb almost as high as those hourly rates have.

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