

The 50 Best Firms For Minority Partners

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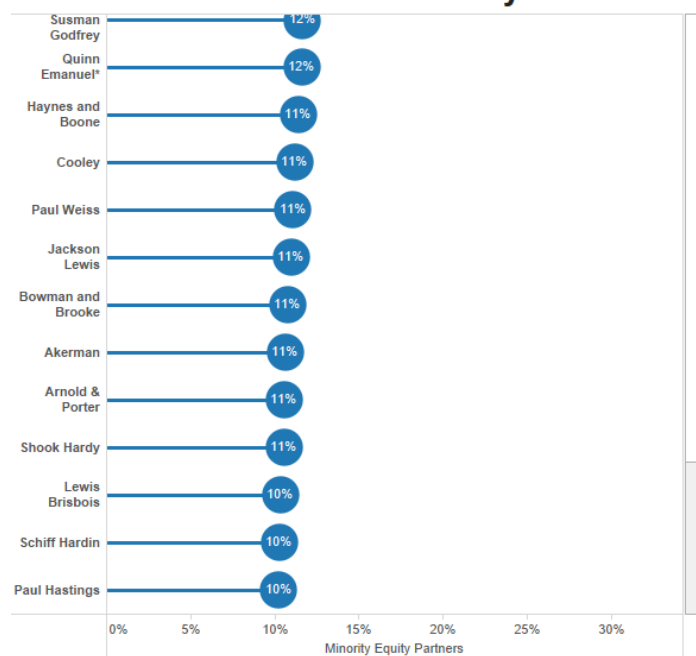
Law360, New York (May 19, 2015, 8:59 PM ET) -- While equity partners at most U.S. law firms remain nearly all white, a group of 50 firms leads the pack when it comes to racial diversity at the equity partner level, according to Law360 data.

A survey of nearly 300 U.S. firms for the 2015 Law360 Minority Report found that just 7 percent of equity partners are minorities, despite the fact that minorities have made up more than 20 percent of law school enrollees for nearly a decade. The 50 firms listed below have the highest percentage of minority equity partners of the 266 firms that provided Law360 with equity partner data by race.

At each of the 50 firms, more than 10 percent of U.S.-based equity partners are minorities. By comparison, 46 firms have fewer than 2 percent minority equity partnerships, and 70 firms have either one or no minority equity partners.

Leading the pack is Cerritos, California-based Atkinson Andelson Loya Ruud & Romo PC, where 32 percent of equity partners are minorities. At the top five firms, including intellectual property boutique Sughrue Mion PLLC and BigLaw powerhouse Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati PC, more than 20 percent of equity partners are minorities.

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Methodology: Law360 surveyed 289 U.S. firms, or vereins with a U.S. component, about their overall and minority head count numbers as of Dec. 31, 2014. Only U.S.-based attorneys were included in the survey. Firms are ranked based on the percentage of equity partners who are minorities. At firms marked with an asterisk, some attorneys declined to self-identify a race.

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