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Law360 Reveals 400 Largest US Firms

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Law360 (April 15, 2018, 10:02 PM EDT) -- Kirkland & Ellis LLP leapfrogged its way to the top of the Law360 400 this year, putting a 110-attorney spread between it and No. 2 in our annual ranking of U.S. firms.

The Law360 400 features the largest U.S.-based law firms and vereins with a U.S. component as measured by domestic attorney headcount. Since occupying the No. 4 spot last year, Kirkland vaulted over Greenberg Traurig LLP, Jones Day and Latham & Watkins LLP, expanding its U.S. attorney workforce nearly 13 percent over the course of 2017.

At over 1,850 domestic lawyers, Kirkland is the largest firm to take the top spot on Law360's list. As a whole, the top 10 are growing faster than the rest, expanding at a rate of 4 percent last year, compared with 3 percent among the 50 largest firms and an overall growth rate of 2 percent across all of the 400.

A record-breaking year for law firm mergers means that some familiar faces have fallen off our list.

New York-based Chadbourne & Parke LLP is now part of Norton Rose Fulbright LLP, and Chicago-based Arnstein & Lehr LLP merged with Philadelphia's Saul Ewing LLP to create Saul Ewing Arnstein & Lehr LLP. Sedgwick LLP has left the list altogether, in one of the biggest legal industry shakeups of 2017.

Congratulations to all the firms that made this year's Law360 400.

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