When legal challenges arise, metro Detroit business leaders don't often venture far for expert advice. The region is home to some of the largest and most experienced law firms in the country, having served the manufacturing industry for more than a century. Combined with intellectual-property needs, the business community is well-served, whether establishing a case for patent infringement (with damages) or laying the groundwork for the next technological breakthrough. Overall, there more than 20,000 lawyers practicing in Oakland, Wayne, Macomb, Washtenaw, and Livingston counties.



LARGEST LAW FIRMS

All numbers based on lawyers in Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Washtenaw, and Livingston counties.

Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone P.L.C.

Total attorneys: 229

Specialty: Over 100 practice areas Location: 150W. Jefferson, Suite 2500;

Detroit 48 226

Contact: 313-963-6420; www.millercanfield.com

2 Honigman Miller Schwartz and Cohn L.L.P.

Total attorneys: 198 Specialty: Over 40 practices Location: 2290 First National Building: 660 Woodward Ave., Detroit 48226 Contact: 313-465-7000; www.honigman.com

3 Butzel Long P.C.

Total attorneys: 180

Specialty: 64 practices and 18 specialty groups Location: 150 W. Jefferson, Suite 100: Detroit 48226 Contact: 313-225-7000; www.butzel.com

4 Dickinson Wright P.L.L.C.

Total attorneys: 170 Specialty: 45 practice areas

Location: 500 Woodward Ave., Suite 4000;

Detroit 48226

Contact: 313-223-3500; www.dickinson-wright.com

5 Dykema Gossett P.L.L.C.

Total attorneys: 170

Specialty: Over 65 practices within six departments Location: 400 Renaissance Center, Detroit 48243 Contact: 313-568-6800; www.dykema.com

6 Clark Hill P.L.C.

Total attorneys: 140

Specialty: 23 practices and 20 industry teams Location: 500 Woodward Ave., Suite 3500; Detroit 48226 Contact: 313-965-8300; www.clarkhill.com

Bodman LLP

Total attorneys: 137

Specialty: 16 practices and industries Location: 1901 St. Antoine Street, 6th Floor at Ford Field; Detroit 48226 Contact: 313-259-7777; www.bodmanlip.com

Plunkett Cooney P.C.

Total attorneys: 107

Specialty: 24 practices in Business Services and 27 practices in Litigation

Location: 38505 Woodward Ave., Suite 2000;

Bloomfield Hills 48304

Contact: 248-901-4000; www.plunkettcooney.com

Jaffe, Raitt, Heuer & Weiss P.C.

Total attorneys: 105 Specialty: 24 practice areas

Location: 27777 Franklin Rd., Suite 2500;

Southfield 48034

Contact: 248-351-3000; www.iaffelaw.com

10 Kitch Drutchas Wagner Valitutti & Sherbrook P.C.

Total attorneys: 85 Specialty: 86 practices

Location: 1 Woodward Ave., Suite 2400;

Detroit 48226

Contact: 313-965-7900: www.kitch.com

11 Harness, Dickey & Pierce P.L.C.

Total attorneys: 76 Specialty: 7 practice areas

Location: 5445 Corporate Dr., Suite 200; Troy 48098

Contact: 248-641-1600; www.hdp.com

12 Trott & Trott P.C.

Total attorneys: 75

Specialty: 3 service areas

Location: 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200;

Farmington Hills 48334

Contact: 248-642-2515; www.trottlaw.com

Giarmarco, Mullins & Horton P.C.

Total attorneys: 65 Specialty: 27 practices

Location: 101 W. Big Beaver Rd., Troy 48084 Contact: 248-457-7000; www.gmhlaw.com

14 Brooks Kushman P.C.

Total attorneys: 63

Specialty: 9 practice areas

Location: 1000 Town Center, 22nd Floor, Southfield 48075 Contact: 248-358-4400; www.brookskushman.com

Howard & Howard Attorneys P.C.

Total attorneys: 63

Specialty: 13 in Practice Expertise and 4 in Industry Expertise Location: 450 W. Fourth St., RoyalOak 48067

Contact: 248-645-1483; www.howardandhoward.com

16 Secrest, Wardle, Lynch, Hampton, Truex and Morley P.C.

Total attorneys: 56

Specialty: 17 practices

Location: 30903 Northwestern Highway,

Farmington Hills 48333

Contact: 248-851-9500; www.secrestwardle.com

17 Garan Lucow Miller P.C.

Total attorneys: 55

Specialty: 8 practices

Location: 1000 Woodbridge Place, Detroit 48207 Contact: 313-446-1530; www.garanlucow.com

18 Kerr, Russell and Weber P.L.C.

Total attorneys: 50

Specialty: 14 practices

Location: 500 Woodward Ave., Suite 2500;

Detroit 48226

Contact: 313-961-0200; www.krwlaw.com

19 Maddin, Hauser, Wartell, Roth & Heller P.C.

Total attorneys: 47

Specialty: 12 practice areas

Location: 28400 Northwestern Highway,

Southfield 48034

Contact: 248-354-4030; www.maddinhauser.com

20 Sullivan, Ward, Asher & Patton PC

Total attorneys: 41

Specialty: 32 practices

Location: 25800 Northwestern, 1000 Macabees

Center, Southfield 48075

Contact: 248-746-0700; www.swappc.com