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The 100 Best Law Firms For Women (2016)

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Women in the legal profession continue to face challenges that their male colleagues have never experienced, despite the fact that many law firms claim to have improved their workplaces to better accommodate diversity. From the harsh critique of taking maternity leave to allegations of stolen origination credits to a dearth of leadership opportunities, at some firms, women face sexual harassment and sexism every day. At other firms, however, MENU women are treated as equals, and get to reap the same rewards that their male counterparts do in legal practice.

Which law firms stand out for their fair treatment of female attorneys?

Hot on the heels of the publication of the inaugural ATL Law Firm Gender Diversity Index, the most comprehensive and accurate database of its kind available anywhere, Law360 released its second annual ranking of the best law firms for women, based on each firm's female representation at the partner and nonpartner levels and its total number of female attorneys. Many of the same law firms appear on both lists.

Before we get to the Top 10, here's a brief explanation of Law360's methodology:

Law360 surveyed more than 300 U.S. firms, or vereins with a U.S. component, about their overall and female headcount numbers as of Dec. 31, 2015. Only U.S.-based attorneys were included in the survey. Firms are ranked based on four factors: the percentage of partners, both equity and nonequity, who are women; the percentage of nonpartners who are women; the split between the firm's female partner percentage and female nonpartner percentage; and the number of female attorneys at the firm.

Without further ado, here are the Top 10 best law firms for women, per Law360:

- 1. Walsworth WFBM
- 2. Fragomen Del Rey
- 3. Berry Appleman
- 4. Liebert Cassidy
- 5. Miller Nash
- 6. Royse Law Firm
- 7. Eimer Stahl
- 8. Adelson Testan
- 9. Nilan Johnson
- 10. Goodell DeVries Wood Smith

Do you agree with the firms listed at the top of this ranking? Check out the rest of the Top MENU Too here, which features more than a handful of Am Law 100 mainstays.

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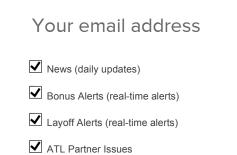
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