

### ***National Law Journal* Plaintiffs' Hot List**

The Plaintiffs Hot List is *The National Law Journal's* annual take on the top plaintiffs practices in the country, identified by asking its readers to nominate firms in the United States that have done exemplary, cutting-edge work on the plaintiffs side.

**2016:** Firms should have scored at least one significant plaintiffs win between Feb. 1, 2015, and Jan. 31, 2016, and possess an impressive track record of wins within the past three to five years. A "significant" win means prevailing in a bench or jury trial in which the stakes are high—for example, a substantial amount of money is on the line or the outcome could affect litigation strategy or the results in similar cases nationally. Eligible firms should devote at least 50 percent of their litigation resources to plaintiffs work. [More information.](#)

**2015:** It looked for firms that scored at least one significant win between Feb. 1, 2014, and Jan. 31, 2015 — meaning that they prevailed in a bench or jury trial in which a lot of money or a principle was on the line or the outcome set an important benchmark, and that devoted at least 50 percent of their litigation resources to plaintiffs work. [More information.](#)

**2014:** Firms on the 2014 list "landed groundbreaking verdicts, negotiated big settlements and, in many cases, paved the way for the resolution of other disputes" between Feb. 1, 2013 and Jan. 31, 2014, and that possessed an impressive track record of wins within the past three to five years. [More information.](#)

**2013:** Firms on the 2013 list scored at least one significant plaintiffs win between June 30, 2012, and July 1, 2013, and that possessed an impressive track record of wins within the past three to five years. *The National Law Journal* also conducted its own extensive research through court files, news reports and chats with co- and opposing counsel before settling upon the 19 firms. [More information.](#)

**2012:** The publication identified firms that it believes have had significant achievements over the past three to five years and that have secured at least one major "win" between June 30, 2011, and July 1, 2012, in high-stakes bench and jury trials, as well as cases that could affect litigation strategy or the results of similar cases throughout the country. [More information.](#)

**2006:** Firms should have scored at least one significant plaintiffs' win within the last year, and possess an impressive track record of wins within the last three to five years. A "significant win" means prevailing in a bench or jury trial where the stakes are high, such as a substantial amount of money, or a first case that could affect the litigation strategy or outcome of similar cases nationally. Eligible firms should devote at least 50% of their litigation resources to plaintiffs' work.