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In *Corporate Board Member/FTI's* seventh annual survey, more than 800 directors selected the law firms they most admire, nationally and in 25 metropolitan areas. The 20 national leaders are ranked below, with **Jones Day** in sixth place.

THE TOP 20 FIRMS

(with last year's ranking)

1. **SKADDEN ARPS SLATE MEAGHER & FLOM** New York (1)
2. **CRAVATH SWAINE & MOORE** New York (2)
3. **WACHTELL LIPTON ROSEN & KATZ** New York (3)
4. **SULLIVAN & CROMWELL** New York (4)
5. **DAVIS POLK & WARDWELL** New York (6)
6. **JONES DAY** Cleveland (5)
7. **LATHAM & WATKINS** Los Angeles (7)
8. **BAKER & MCKENZIE** Chicago (11)
9. **GIBSON DUNN & CRUTCHER** Los Angeles (10)
10. **WEIL GOTSHAL & MANGES** New York (9)
11. **KIRKLAND & ELLIS** Chicago (8)
12. **FULBRIGHT & JAWORSKI** Houston (13)
13. **SHEARMAN & STERLING** New York (12)
14. **AKIN GUMP STRAUSS HAUER & FELD** Washington, D.C. (15)
15. **O'MELVENY & MYERS** Los Angeles (19)
16. **SIMPSON THACHER & BARTLETT** New York (17)
17. **BAKER BOTTS** Houston (—)
18. **WILSON SONSINI GOODRICH & ROSATI** Palo Alto (16)
19. **COVINGTON & BURLING** Washington, D.C. (20)
20. **WILMER CUTLER PICKERING HALE & DORR** Washington, D.C. (—)

GENERAL COUNSEL NAME THEIR TOP 20 LAW FIRMS

In *Corporate Board Member/FTI's* seventh annual survey, 235 general counsel selected the law firms they would most likely use on national matters. The 20 national leaders are ranked below, with **Jones Day** in ninth place.

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| 1. SKADDEN ARPS SLATE MEAGHER & FLOM | 11. KIRKLAND & ELLIS |
| 2. WACHTELL LIPTON ROSEN & KATZ | 12. SHEARMAN & STERLING |
| 3. CRAVATH SWAINE & MOORE | (TIE) WILMER CUTLER PICKERING HALE & DORR |
| 4. DAVIS POLK & WARDWELL | 14. WEIL GOTSHAL & MANGES |
| 5. SULLIVAN & CROMWELL | 15. BAKER & MCKENZIE |
| 6. LATHAM & WATKINS | 16. BAKER BOTTS |
| 7. GIBSON DUNN & CRUTCHER | 17. AKIN GUMP STRAUSS HAUER & FELD |
| 8. SIMPSON THACHER & BARTLETT | (TIE) COVINGTON & BURLING |
| 9. JONES DAY | (TIE) MORGAN LEWIS & BOCKIUS |
| (TIE) SIDLEY AUSTIN | 20. FULBRIGHT & JAWORSKI |