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In *Corporate Board Member/*
FTI Consulting's 2010 survey, 340
directors selected the law firms they
most admire. The 20 National leaders
are listed, with **Jones Day** in the
top five.

THE TOP 20 FIRMS

1. **SKADDEN ARPS SLATE MEAGHER & FLOM**, NEW YORK (LAST YEAR'S RANKING: 1)
2. **CRAVATH SWAINE & MOORE**, NEW YORK (3)
3. **WACHTELL LIPTON ROSEN & KATZ**, NEW YORK (4)
4. **JONES DAY**, WASHINGTON, D.C. (2)
5. **SULLIVAN & CROMWELL**, NEW YORK (5)
6. **WEIL GOTSHAL & MANGES**, NEW YORK (6)
7. **LATHAM & WATKINS**, LOS ANGELES (9)
8. **BAKER & MCKENZIE**, CHICAGO (11)
9. **KIRKLAND & ELLIS**, CHICAGO (8)
10. **DAVIS POLK & WARDWELL**, NEW YORK (13)
11. **PAUL WEISS RIFKIND WHARTON & GARRISON**, NEW YORK (17)
12. **GIBSON DUNN & CRUTCHER**, LOS ANGELES (7)
13. **FULBRIGHT & JAWORSKI**, HOUSTON (10)
14. **SHEARMAN & STERLING**, NEW YORK (16)
15. **SIDLEY AUSTIN**, NEW YORK (15)
16. **AKIN GUMP STRAUSS HAUER & FELD**, WASHINGTON, D.C. (-)
17. **WILSON SONSINI GOODRICH & ROSATI**, PALO ALTO (14)
18. **VINSON & ELKINS**, HOUSTON (-)
19. **COVINGTON & BURLING**, WASHINGTON, D.C. (18)
20. **O'MELVENY & MYERS**, LOS ANGELES (12)

THE GCs' TOP 20 FIRMS

As usual, the outside law firms most admired by general counsels tend to mirror the directors' choices. This year's list is based on a survey of 252 GCs. The top 20 national leaders are ranked below.

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| 1. Skadden Arps Slate Meagher & Flom | 11. Baker & McKenzie |
| 2. Wachtell Lipton Rosen & Katz | 12. Simpson Thacher & Bartlett |
| 3. Cravath Swaine & Moore | 13. Hogan & Hartson |
| 4. Davis Polk & Wardwell | 14. Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton |
| 5. Sullivan & Cromwell | 15. Fulbright & Jaworski |
| 6. Latham & Watkins | 16. Sidley Austin |
| 7. Jones Day | 17. Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale & Dorr |
| 8. Gibson Dunn & Crutcher | 18. Paul Weiss Rifkind Wharton & Garrison |
| 9. Kirkland & Ellis | 19. Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati |
| 10. Weil Gotshal & Manges | 20. Covington & Burling |

Source: *Corporate Board Member/FTI Consulting*