

DAILY REPORT

In Southeast, One Firm Enters Am Law 100 for First Time While Atlanta-Founded Firms Dip in Rankings

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What You Need to Know

- Bradley Arant Boult Cummings was ranked in the Am Law 100 for the first time this year after increasing its revenue 12% in 2025.
- Alabama-founded Bradley has doubled its revenue since 2015 and risen 13 places in the ranking since 2019.
- Four firms rooted in Atlanta dropped slightly in the ranking despite all growing their revenue.

A new member has joined the exclusive group of law firms from the Southeast that are among the 100 largest U.S. law firms by revenue.

Bradley Arant Boult Cummings was ranked in the No. 100 slot in the Am Law 100 released Tuesday after increasing its gross revenue 12% in 2025 to \$567.87 million. Since 2019, the firm has risen 13 spots in the ranking.

Birmingham, Alabama-founded Bradley has more than doubled its revenue (from \$274 million) in 10 years since 2015—including growing it 90% since Jon Skeeters began working as managing partner and board chair in 2019.

The firm also grew its net income 6.5% to \$290.6 million in 2025—almost double the \$146 million in net income it reported in 2015.



Credit: Eduardo Luzzatti

However, Bradley did not grow other financial metrics as rapidly as its revenue in 2025, though it still has grown significantly in some areas since Skeeters took office.

The firm ranked 96th among Am Law 100 firms for profit per equity partner after growing it 1.2% to \$1.006 million—a 62% increase from 2019.

Bradley also ranked 92nd for revenue per lawyer after growing it 3.7% to \$793,000; and 90th for compensation for all partners after growing it 1.5% to \$836,000.

Skeeters said in an email Wednesday that “being ranked in the Am Law 100 for the first time is a meaningful milestone for Bradley, but it’s not the goal in and of itself.”

“This recognition reflects the trust our clients place in us, the strength of our practices and offices, and the collective effort of our attorneys and business professionals across the firm,” Skeeters said. “We are proud of the firm’s growth and energized by what is ahead as we continue building the next chapter.”

He told Law.com earlier this year that the firm in 2025 invested in attorney growth in Dallas, Houston, Atlanta and Charlotte, North Carolina. It also followed many other firms in increasing rates, which contributed to the revenue growth.

He said increased demand was “where we saw the difference” in growing revenue in 2025, with “good and steady” increases in its corporate, real estate, litigation and intellectual property practices.

“It was a good year for demand,” Skeeters said. “We tracked 12% ahead on revenue almost all year.”

Other Southeast-centered firms either dropped one or two spots in the annual ranking or did not change their position since 2024:

>> King & Spalding dropped from No. 21 to No. 23 this year despite seeing a 13% increase in revenue to \$2.679 billion in 2025. Firm chairman Robert Hays said higher demand, more hours worked, greater productivity and expanded talent fueled the Atlanta-founded firm’s revenue increase. California-founded Paul Hastings leaped King & Spalding to rise to No. 22.

>> Alston & Bird fell from No. 43 in 2024 to No. 44 in 2025 after its revenue grew 8.4% to \$1.443 billion. Firm chairman Richard Hays attributed the revenue growth to a combination of increased rates and greater demand in the firm’s M&A, finance, litigation and data security practices. Milwaukee-founded Foley & Lardner, which was No. 45 last year, leaped over Alston into this year’s No. 43 spot.

>> Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough, rooted in the Carolinas, did not change its No. 60 ranking after growing revenue 12% and passing the \$1 billion threshold for the first time at \$1.049 billion. Managing partner Jim Lehman credited the majority of the revenue growth to the work of its lawyers in litigation, corporate and real estate.

>> Womble Bond Dickinson, also rooted in the Carolinas, was ranked No. 76 after growing revenue to \$828.04 million with the assistance of the former Lewis Roca firm with which it merged on Jan. 1, 2025.

>> Ogletree Deakins Nash Smoak & Stewart dropped from No. 76 to No. 77 despite growing its revenue almost 15% to \$823.57 million. Managing shareholder Liz Washko said “a combination of things” contributed to the revenue increase for the Atlanta-rooted, labor and employment-focused firm, including increases in rates and hours billed.

>> Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton dropped from No. 93 in 2024 to No. 95 this year after increasing revenue 8% to \$630.1 million. Firm chair Wab Kadaba said Atlanta-founded Kilpatrick’s attorneys were given “increasingly higher-value work,” in such areas corporate, private equity and M&A practices which increased its revenue.

Overall in this year’s Am Law 100, a total of 94 firms reported increased gross revenue. Littler Mendelson reported the biggest gain of 40.89%, while Fragomen, Del Rey, Bernsen & Loewy had the steepest decline with 5.5% decrease.

A total of 62 firms posted gross revenue of \$1 billion or more, four more than in 2024.

Also, seven of the top 10 firms retained their same ranking from 2024, including Kirkland & Ellis; Latham & Watkins; DLA Piper; Sidley Austin; Ropes & Gray; Baker McKenzie; and White & Case.

Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher moved up one spot to rank No. 4. Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom moved down one spot to position No. 5. Simpson Thacher & Bartlett moved up two spots to rank No. 10.