

OCTOBER 2009 Top PCT filing firms revealed

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For the first time, Managing IP lists the patent firms filing the most PCT applications in the 14 biggest markets

The tables listing the top PCT filers published in this article rank firms according to the number of PCT applications that they filed that were due for national stage entry during 2009.

The tables are based on details of PCT applications published on WIPO's website. To compile the tables, PCT applications with a priority date between July 1 2006 and June 30 2007 were extracted. These correspond to applications due to enter the national phase from January 1 to December 31 this year.

Once extracted, these applications were sorted according to the law firm or patent agency that filed the PCT application, based on the "agent name" and "agent address" categories in the PCT form. A manual checking process ensured that all cases filed by each firm were included, even where it used different names or addresses during the period in question.

The firms are listed in order of the number of applications filed in their jurisdiction. Firms with offices in more than one country may be included in the table in each jurisdiction.

The overall table ranks the firms with the most PCT applications worldwide.

Managing IP acknowledges the help of *inovia* in compiling and verifying the data on which the tables are based. In the interests of full disclosure, comparable statistics relating to the number of PCT applications *inovia* will introduce into the national stage this year are included in the relevant tables.

Managing IP also invited other service providers to submit details of the number of PCT applications they will introduce to the national phase. However none did so.

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Worldwide

Australia

Canada

China

France

Germany

Israel

Italy

Japan

Korea

Netherlands

Sweden

Switzerland

United Kingdom

United States

Worldwide

Ranking	PCT apps	Firm name	Country
1	839	Fish & Richardson PC	US
2	687	Unitalen Attorneys at Law	China
3	681	inovia	US
4	589	Townsend and Townsend and Crew LLP	US

5	550	Shiga International Patent Office	Japan
6	495	Deqi Intellectual Property Law Corporation	China
7	490	Foley & Lardner LLP	US
8	449	YP Lee, Mock & Partners	South Korea
9	437	Schwegman Lundberg Woessner	US
10	436	Knobbe Martens Olson & Bear	US
11	434	Marks & Clerk LLP	UK
12	409	KBK & Associates	South Korea
13	390	Aoyama & Partners	Japan
14	359	Blakely Sokoloff Taylor & Zafman	US
15	350	Eikoh Patent Firm	Japan
16	329	Vereenigde	Netherlands
17	322	Harness Dickey & Pierce	US
18	319	Harakenzo World Patent & Trademark	Japan
18	319	Fukami Patent Office	Japan
20	311	Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione	US