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The Best Law Firms For Female Partners

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Law360, New York (April 19, 2015, 9:43 PM ET) -- While women continue to be vastly underrepresented at the partner level in the U.S. legal industry, 25 firms have made significant strides toward gender equality at their highest ranks, earning the designation of Law360 Ceiling Smasher.

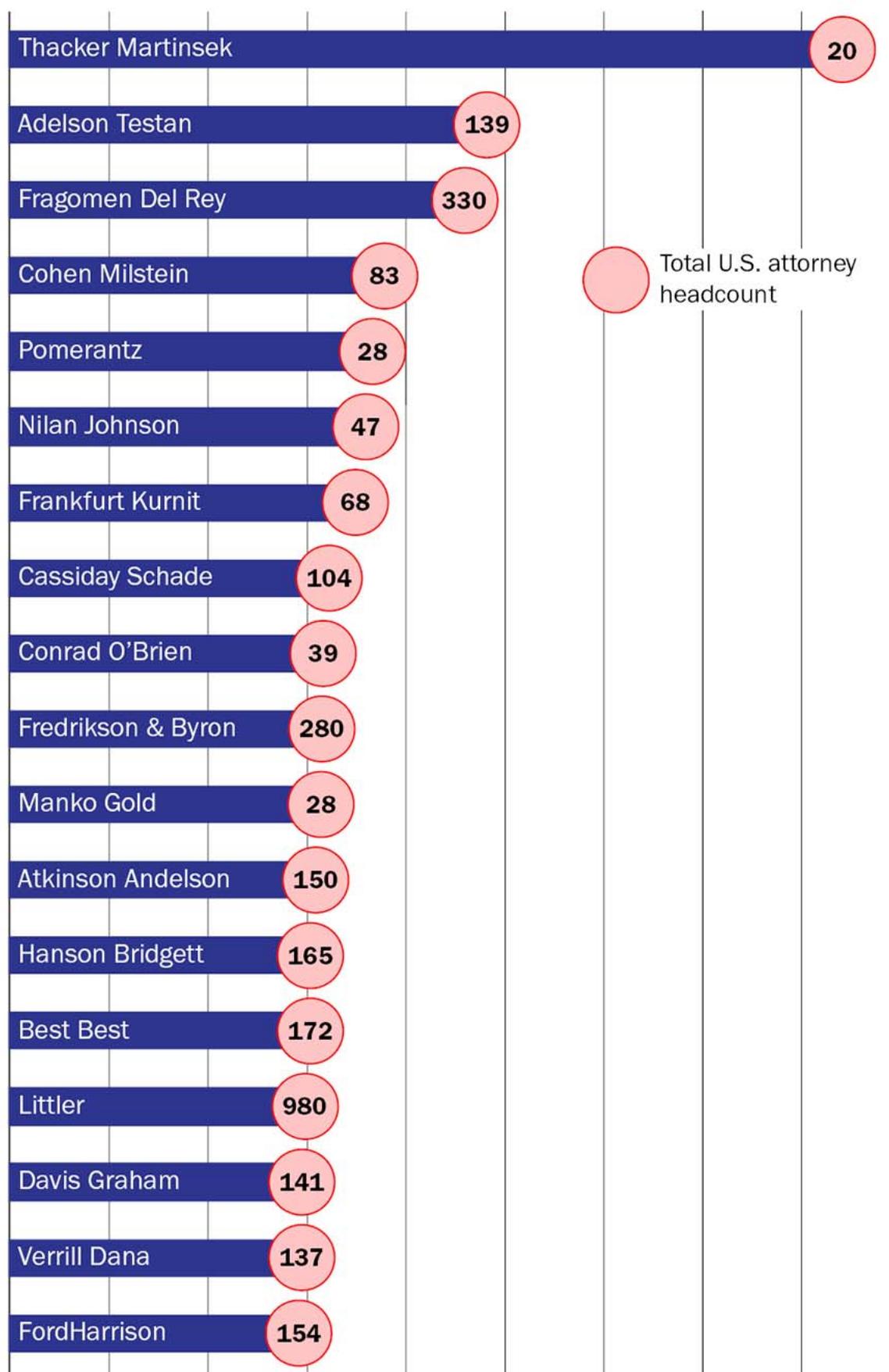
This year's Ceiling Smashers are the 25 U.S.-based law firms out of more than 300 surveyed that have the highest percentage of female partners, including equity and nonequity partners. These firms run counter to a sobering statistic from Law360's 2015 Glass Ceiling Report, which found that while women make up 43 percent of the nonpartner ranks at U.S. law firms, they comprise just 22 percent of partnerships.

At the top two firms, Thacker Martinsek LPA and Adelson Testan Brundo Novell & Jimenez, more than 50 percent of all partners are women. Both firms have overwhelming female leadership — seven of Thacker's eight shareholders are women, and three of Adelson Testan's five equity partners are female.

Like **last year's Ceiling Smashers**, these firms are smaller on average than the firms that make up the **Law360 400**. Eight of the 25 firms have fewer than 100 attorneys, including seven of the top 11.

Congratulations to the 2015 Ceiling Smashers.

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Methodology: Law360 surveyed 308 U.S. firms, or vereins with a U.S. component, about their overall and female head count numbers as of Dec. 31, 2014. Only U.S.-based attorneys were included in the survey. Firms are ranked based on their percentage of U.S. partners, both equity and nonequity, that are women.

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