

# NEWS FROM THE DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

## Law Firm Challenge Program

New in fiscal year 2009–2010, and continuing this year, the YLS Law Firm Challenge is a friendly competition that promotes financial support of the Yale Law School Fund by alumni at leading law firms. The program emphasizes the impact of alumni donations, which help preserve the excellence and innovation of Yale Law School.

The chart below provides the final results from last year. Overall, twenty-eight firms participated in the challenge,

which represented a total of 811 alumni. The overall participation rate was 62 percent, with a participation rate of 68 percent among Partners and 56 percent among Associates.

With the continued support from our alumni, we look forward to building on our successful inaugural year and making the Law Firm Challenge a Law School tradition. If your firm is interested in participating, please contact Eric Stoddard at [eric.stoddard@yale.edu](mailto:eric.stoddard@yale.edu) or (203) 432-6082.

	Law Firm	Number of Alums	Number of Donors	Participation	Partner	Associate
<b>GROUP 1</b> 35+	Covington & Burling	50	36	72%	78%	61%
	Davis Polk	46	32	70%	71%	69%
	WilmerHale	39	26	67%	67%	67%
	Debevoise & Plimpton	52	33	63%	64%	63%
	Skadden	38	22	58%	73%	38%
	Cleary Gottlieb	47	26	55%	68%	41%
	Sullivan & Cromwell	47	26	55%	76%	38%
	Latham & Watkins	39	18	46%	55%	37%
<b>GROUP 2</b> 25 to 34	Williams & Connolly	25	23	92%	93%	91%
	Simpson Thacher	25	20	80%	100%	67%
	Paul Weiss	28	22	79%	88%	67%
	Arnold & Porter	26	19	73%	80%	50%
	Cravath	26	19	73%	69%	77%
	Sidley Austin	29	20	69%	68%	75%
	Morrison & Foerster	27	17	63%	67%	56%
	Ropes & Gray	25	12	48%	56%	44%
	O'Melveny & Myers	28	13	46%	58%	38%
	Mayer Brown	28	12	43%	53%	27%
Bingham McCutchen	25	10	40%	50%	20%	
<b>GROUP 3</b> 15 to 24	Wachtell Lipton*	20	20/5	100% / 25%	100% / 38%	100% / 17%
	Goodwin Procter	17	12	71%	73%	50%
	Weil Gotshal	17	11	65%	80%	43%
	Jenner & Block	18	10	56%	57%	55%
	Step toe & Johnson	16	9	56%	53%	100%
	Jones Day	19	10	53%	50%	57%
	Paul Hastings	15	8	53%	54%	50%
	Kirkland & Ellis	20	10	50%	56%	45%
Gibson Dunn	19	9	47%	55%	38%	

\*Wachtell makes a donation every year on behalf of all YLS Partners and Associates; therefore, the firm achieves 100% participation. Volunteers will solicit colleagues for their "own" gift, and the second participation rate reflects these results.