

Fredrikson & Byron Among Top 10 Best Law Firms for Female Partners by Law360

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Fredrikson & Byron was named a member of *Law360*'s inaugural class of "2014 Ceiling Smashers," which ranks the top 25 U.S.-based law firms for having the highest percentage of female partners. Ranked number 10 nationally, Fredrikson is the only Minnesota headquartered firm on the list and the largest full-service firm to appear in the top 10.

Law360's article noted that in 2014, "The Glass Ceiling Report" found that while women make up 43 percent of the nonpartner ranks at U.S. law firms, they comprise only 21 percent of partnerships. At Fredrikson, women make up 39 percent of the total U.S.-based attorney head count, and 33 percent are shareholders.

According to its website, "*Law360* surveyed U.S. law firms in early 2014 and received responses from roughly 380 firms with male and female attorney head count information. Only U.S.-based law firms were surveyed, and only head count numbers for U.S.-based attorneys were included in the results. For the purposes of this ranking, "partner" includes both equity and nonequity partners for firms that use a multitier partnership structure. Head count numbers are as of Dec. 31, 2013. Only firms with more than 50 domestic attorneys — roughly 98 percent of respondents — were considered for the Ceiling Smasher designation."

"We are pleased that this latest honor recognizes our long-standing commitment to the success of women at our firm, said Mary Ranum, chair of the firm's Board of Directors. "We have strong female leaders who are role models for our younger attorneys. In large part, we feel that has enabled the firm to achieve success in developing a culture where women thrive."

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Fredrikson & Byron is a 275-attorney law firm based in Minneapolis, with offices in Bismarck, Des Moines, Fargo, Monterrey, Mexico, and Shanghai, China. Fredrikson & Byron has a reputation as the firm "where law and business meet". Attorneys bring business acumen and entrepreneurial thinking to work with clients, and operate as business advisors and strategic partners, as well as legal counselors. More

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