

“Either way, you’ll be involved in M&A. It’s also vital to remember that neither being an acquirer nor being acquired is better than the other. The growth strategy needs to be in alignment with the goals of the firm. The firm(s) you acquire or merge with must be complimentary to this strategy. Be progressive and develop a robust M&A mindset, it is your firm’s best chance for survival.”

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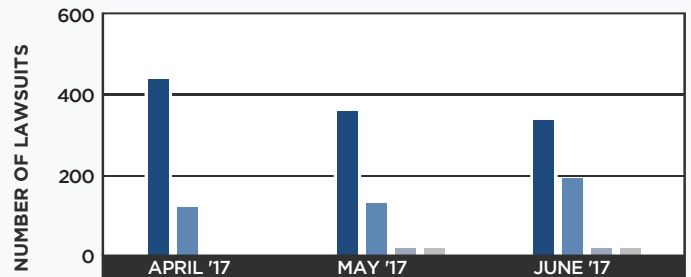
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### Mergers & Acquisitions<sup>(A)</sup>



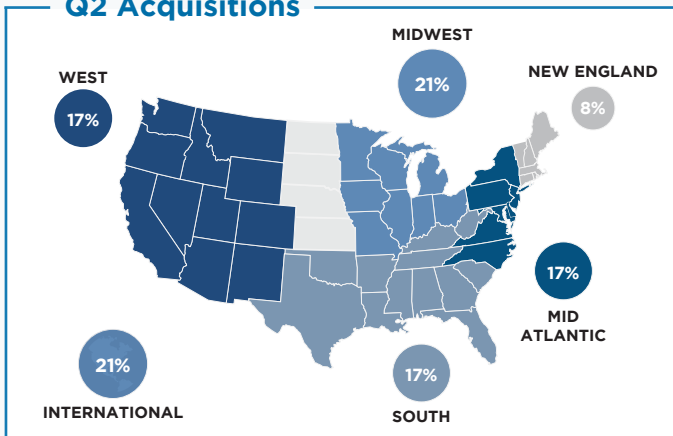
### Litigation Claims<sup>(B&C)</sup>

#### Q2 Intellectual Property Lawsuits and Patent Trial and Appeal Board<sup>(B)</sup>

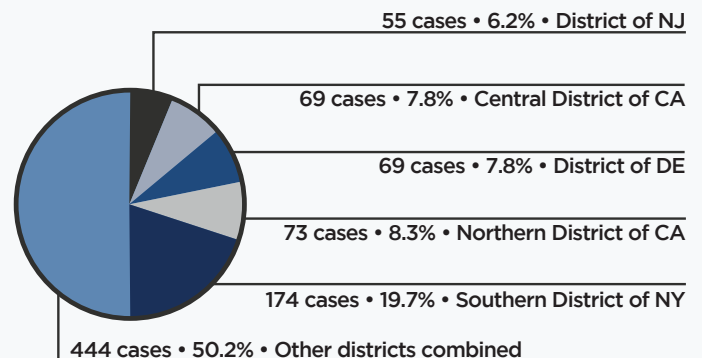


- District Courts
- Intellectual Property Rights
- Covered Business Method
- Post Grant Review

### Q2 Acquisitions



### Q2 Security Cases Filed by District<sup>(C)</sup>



Lateral Moves<sup>(D)</sup>

YTD through May 2017

(Mestel & Company has highlighted the 7 states with high amount of lateral moves)

| Total Lateral Moves |  |
|---------------------|--|
| <b>CA<br/>135</b>   | Litigation (37), Corporate and Securities (25), Intellectual Property (21), Employment and Labor (12), Real Estate (10), Banking and Financial Institutions (10), Health Law (3), Insurance Law (3), Immigration Law (2), Products Liability (2), Commercial Law (2), Taxation (2), White Collar Criminal Defense (2), Bankruptcy (1), Environmental Law (1), Government (1), Torts (1) Transportation (1).  |
| <b>DC<br/>89</b>    | Litigation (23), Intellectual Property (11), Banking and Financial Institutions (8), Insurance Law (7), Corporate and Securities (6), Employment and Labor (5), Bankruptcy (4), Energy and Natural Resources (4), Environmental Law (4), Government (3), Health Law (3), Antitrust (2), Taxation (2), White Collar Criminal Defense (2), Administrative Law (1), Alternative Dispute Resolutions (1), Commercial Law (1), Education Law (1), Transportation (1)  |
| <b>FL<br/>67</b>    | Litigation (18), Real Estate (14), Taxation (4), Bankruptcy (4), Employment and Labor (4), Products Liability (4), Corporate and Securities (3), Intellectual Property (3), Health Law (3), Banking and Financial Institutions (2), Trusts and Estates (2), Commercial Law (1), Energy and Natural Resources (1), Environmental Law (1), Immigration Law (1), Insurance Law (1), Partner (1).  |
| <b>IL<br/>76</b>    | Intellectual Property (13), Real Estate (11), Corporate and Securities (11), Litigation (11) Employment and Labor (6), Insurance Law (4), Health Law (3), International Business and Commercial Law (3), Taxation (3), Banking and Financial Institutions (3), Bankruptcy (2), Products Liability (2), Workers' Compensation and Other Compensation Systems (1), Entertainment and Sports Law (1), Energy and Natural Resources (1), Environmental Law (1).  |
| <b>MA<br/>19</b>    | Intellectual Property (6), Corporate and Securities (5), Banking and Financial Institutions (3), Litigation (2), Health Law (1), Products Liability (1), Taxation (1).   |
| <b>NY<br/>187</b>   | Corporate and Securities (45), Litigation (43), Banking and Financial Institutions (17), Real Estate (17), Taxation (16), Bankruptcy (9), Intellectual Property (9), Insurance Law (4), Employment and Labor (4), Commercial Law (4), Energy and Natural Resources (3), Health Law (3), Products Liability (2), Trusts and Estates (2), Entertainment and Sports Law (2), Antitrust (competition law) (2), Government (1), International Business and Commercial Law (1), White Collar Criminal Defense (1), Alternative Dispute Resolution (1), Communications and Media Law (1). |
| <b>TX<br/>141</b>   | Litigation (47), Corporate and Securities (38), Banking and Financial Institutions (11), Intellectual Property (10), Real Estate (10), Taxation (6), Energy and Natural Resources (6), Environmental Law (4), Bankruptcy (2), Torts (2), Commercial Law (1), Employment and Labor (1), Health Law (1), Products Liability (1), White Collar Criminal Defense (1).  |

SOURCES - SOURCE A: [http://www.altmanweil.com/dir\\_docs/ML2017Q2.pdf](http://www.altmanweil.com/dir_docs/ML2017Q2.pdf). SOURCE B: <https://www.patexia.com/ip-research/lawsuits>. SOURCE C: <https://lexmachina.com/2017-second-quarter-litigation-update/>. SOURCE D: ALM

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