

What's Trending This Quarter

“The technology revolution that helped more aggressive firms expand beyond historic geographies has paralleled the increasing commoditization, or fungibility, of legal services, especially over the past two decades. This parallelism is a reflection of a dynamic cause and effect, for at the heart of commoditization of legal services are the two highly interrelated factors of information technology: speed and accessibility.” – Samuel Roberts, Esq.

“Given the incredible pace in which technology advances, and an increasingly segmented market, candidates and firms must remain innovative if they want to be competitive. However, while technology is driving significant change in the marketplace, legal human capital will always be critical to growth. After all, technology and people must work hand-in-hand to function optimally.” – Mary Rosenfeld D’Eramo, Esq.

“The future of firms is intertwined with AI. Firms must use technology efficiently to interface with clients to operate more efficiently. You only need to look at the amount of instances surrounding national security and cyber security to know that effective adaptation of technology is key to survival.” – Avery Ellis, Esq.

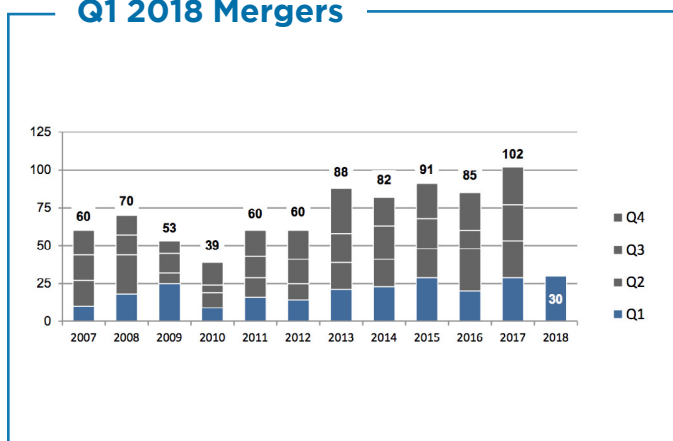
Q1 2018 Mergers & Acquisitions



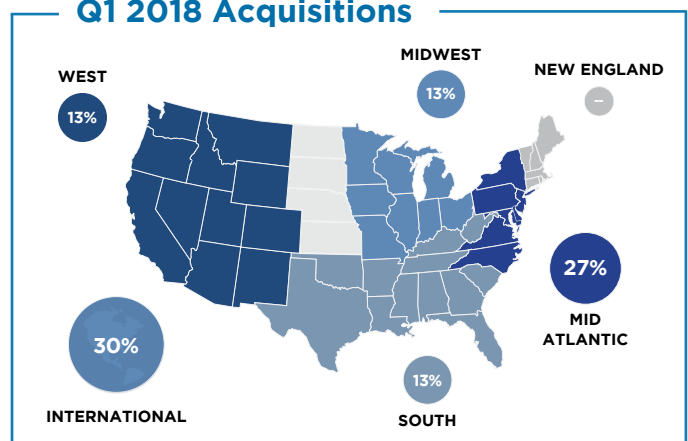
Q1 2018 U.S. Lateral Moves

29	Litigation
31	Corporate and Securities
11	Intellectual Property
6	Banking and Financial Institutions
9	Real Estate
6	Taxation

Q1 2018 Mergers



Q1 2018 Acquisitions



A total of 284 lateral moves were made in Q1 2018. Mestel & Company has highlighted the seven states below, which have demonstrated strong lateral move activity by practice area. These are the ones to watch! (Source: ALM)

Total Lateral Moves by Practice Area Q1 2018

<p>NY 40</p>	<p>Corporate and Securities (7), White Collar Criminal Defense (6), Litigation (5), Banking and Financial Institutions (4), Intellectual Property (4), Antitrust (2), Commercial Law (2), Employment and Labor (2), Insurance Law (2), Taxation (2), International Business and Commercial Law (1), Products Liability (1), Workers Comp. & Other Comp. Systems (1), Contracts (1).</p>
<p>CA 40</p>	<p>Corporate and Securities (9), Litigation (9), Employment and Labor (5), Intellectual Property (4), Real Estate (4), Commercial Law (2), Health Law (2), Products Liability (2), Contracts (1), Criminal Practice (1), Environmental Law (1).</p>
<p>TX 25</p>	<p>Corporate and Securities (8), Litigation (3), Real Estate (3), Commercial Law (2), Taxation (2), Employment and Labor (1), Energy and Natural Resources (1), Environmental Law (1), Intellectual Property (1), International Law (1), Bankruptcy (1), White Collar Criminal Defense (1).</p>
<p>DC 17</p>	<p>Litigation (6), Antitrust (2), Corporate and Securities (2), White Collar Criminal Defense (2), Banking and Financial Institutions (1), Energy and Natural Resources (1), Insurance Law (1), Intellectual Property (1), Taxation (1).</p>
<p>IL 24</p>	<p>Education Law (3), Commercial Law (3), Corporate and Securities (3), Litigation (2), Products Liability (2), Employment and Labor (2), Alternative Dispute Resolution (1), Antitrust (1), Banking and Financial Institutions (1), Bankruptcy (1), Energy and Natural Resources (1), Government (1), Intellectual Property (1), Real Estate (1), Taxation (1).</p>
<p>FL 13</p>	<p>Litigation (4), Commercial Law (3), Employment and Labor (2), Corporate and Securities (1), Health Law (1), Insurance Law (1) Workers Comp. & Other Comp. Systems (1).</p>
<p>MA 2</p>	<p>Corporate and Securities (1), Real Estate (1).</p>

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