

Legal Media 360 Awards Report

China



Introduction

Legal awards acknowledge the market recognition of a law firm and lawyer's success, ability, effort and, above all, excellence.

While rankings consider the accumulation of a firm or lawyer's efforts year-on-year, awards represent the achievements of firms or lawyers during the past 12 months. Awards can be viewed as being more significant than rankings because being shortlisted or winning an award means a firm or lawyer is one of a very select number of parties considered to be "the best".

Legal Media 360's Awards Reports consolidate the nominations and winners of the most reputable international and regional awards, showcasing the top performers by jurisdiction.



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Methodology

Atomic awards data is categorized, and naming conventions standardized. This highlights which firms, lawyers, cases and deals are receiving the greatest recognition via a nomination/win ratio. Awards data from the following sources are used in our research:

Asian Legal Business, ALM, asialaw, Benchmark Litigation, China Business Law Journal, Chambers and Partners, China Law and Practice, India Business Law Journal, International Financial Law Review, In-house Community, Legal 500, Managing IP.

The awards period used for our research is January to December 2022.

Legal Media 360's awards analysis splits firm awards into two distinct categories: Firm awards and Case/deal awards.



Award Categories

Firm Awards

Firm awards include categories such as practice area specific awards, practice management, diversity and inclusion and firm-wide awards (such as firm of the year).

Table 1: Top 20 firms by highest number of firm award nominations

Firm Name	Nominations	Win	Win %
Zhong Lun Law Firm	76	30	39.5%
JunHe	59	20	33.9%
Fangda Partners	44	14	31.8%
Han Kun Law Offices	44	17	38.6%
King & Wood Mallesons	44	17	38.6%
Jingtian & Gongcheng	38	13	34.2%
Global Law Office	35	9	25.7%
DeHeng Law Offices	31	12	38.7%
Commerce & Finance Law Offices	26	10	38.5%
Haiwen & Partners	25	8	32.0%
Llinks Law Offices	24	7	29.2%
Dacheng Dentons	23	9	39.1%
Tian Yuan Law Firm	23	11	47.8%
AllBright Law Offices	21	10	47.6%
Guantao Law Firm	18	5	27.8%
East & Concord Partners	13	7	53.8%
Jincheng Tongda & Neal	12	8	66.7%
Shihui Partners	12	6	50.0%
AnJie Law Firm	8	6	75.0%
FenXun Partners	8	0	0.0%

Commentary: The above tables show that Zhong Lun Law Firm was undoubtedly the leader in firm awards in 2022, with the greatest number of nominations and wins. Credit should also be given to Anjie Law Firm, Jincheng Tongda & Neal, East & Concord, and Shihui Partners for having the best nomination-to-win ratio of the top 20 firms.



Case/Deal Awards

Case/deal awards recognise the firms working on the most significant matters in the past 12 months.

Table 2: Top 20 firms by highest number of case/deal award nominations

Firm Name	Nominations	Win	Win %
King & Wood Mallesons	32	6	18.8%
JunHe	28	4	14.3%
Zhong Lun Law Firm	28	4	14.3%
Fangda Partners	21	3	14.3%
Haiwen & Partners	19	7	36.8%
Commerce & Finance Law Offices	18	4	22.2%
Han Kun Law Offices	18	4	22.2%
Jingtian & Gongcheng	17	2	11.8%
Global Law Office	12	2	16.7%
Dacheng Dentons	11	1	9.1%
Tian Yuan Law Firm	11	2	18.2%
AllBright Law Offices	10	1	10.0%
DeHeng Law Offices	9	0	0.0%
Jia Yuan Law Offices	8	2	25.0%
Shihui Partners	6	0	0.0%
V&T Law Firm	5	0	0.0%
JunZeJun Law Offices	4	1	25.0%
Llinks Law Offices	4	0	0.0%
T&D Associates	4	0	0.0%
Grandway Law Offices	3	0	0.0%

Commentary: King & Wood Mallesons was nominated the greatest number of times and won one in every five awards for which it was nominated. Haiwen & Partners had the highest nomination-to-win ratio winning almost two in every five awards for which it was nominated.



Lawyer Awards

In the 12 publications examined, a total of 86 lawyers in China were nominated for awards. 69 male lawyers were nominated, compared with only 17 female lawyers. The gender ratio of male–female lawyer nominations is 80 to 20 percent.

Nine out of 86 lawyers won awards. Only one female won an award.

Nomination Statistics

Table 3: Firms with the highest number of lawyer award nominations

Firm Name	Nominations
Jingtian & Gongcheng	12
Zhong Lun Law Firm	9
Han Kun Law Offices	7
Guantao Law Firm	6
Dacheng Dentons	5
DeHeng Law Offices	5
Llinks Law Offices	5
Haiwen & Partners	4
JunHe	4
Tian Yuan Law Firm	4

Table 4: Lawyers with the highest number of award nominations

Lawyer Name	Firm Name	Gender
Charles Chaoying Li	Han Kun Law Offices	Male
George Zhenyu Niu	Shihui Partners	Male
Jun Cheng	Zhong Lun Law Firm	Male
Xiang Gao	Jingtian & Gongcheng	Male
Xiaoliang Wu	CM Law Firm	Female
Yang Wang	Guantao Law Firm	Female



Winner Statistics

Table 5: Firms with the highest number of lawyer award wins

Firm Name	Wins
Zhong Lun Law Firm	3
Han Kun Law Offices	2
Dacheng Dentons	1
Jingtian & Gongcheng	1
JunHe	1
Tian Yuan Law Firm	1

Table 6: Lawyer award winners

Lawyer Name	Firm Name	Gender
Baosheng Zhang	Zhong Lun Law Firm	Male
Charles Chaoying Li	Han Kun Law Offices	Male
Jun Cheng	Zhong Lun Law Firm	Male
Jun Zhang	Dacheng Dentons	Male
Kevin Zhichao Duan	Han Kun Law Offices	Male
Linming Jin	Jingtian & Gongcheng	Male
Ping Gu	Zhong Lun Law Firm	Female
Warren Hua	JunHe	Male
Wei Huang	Tian Yuan Law Firm	Male

Commentary: 26 firms had lawyers nominated for awards in 2022. The nine lawyers that won awards were from six firms. Zhong Lun Law Firm had the most success with one in three nominated lawyers winning an award. This is followed by Han Kun Law Offices with one in four nominated lawyers winning.

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