The Bloomberg Law Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Framework is a listing of law firms that meet or exceed an established threshold of diversity, equity, and inclusion in their firm. Standardized disclosure of diversity-related data allows firms to attract and retain talent, and also allows companies looking to procure legal services to easily compare law firms from a supplier diversity standpoint.

**Overall Scores**

Firms are assigned a Bloomberg Law DEI Score based on data disclosed for the metrics defined in the DEI Framework. The DEI Score measures both the level of disclosure of diversity-related metrics, as well as distinguished performance against standards in each of the six pillar areas, weighted and combined into an overall performance score.

The 2021 Framework is made up of 28 law firms from across the United States, ranging in size from under 10 to over 2,000 attorneys. Bloomberg Law’s DEI Framework provides a platform for standardizing law firm diversity metrics, allowing firms to provide their data in one comprehensive Data Collection Instrument, and corporations to quickly access a DEI Framework Listing of firms that meeting or exceed an established threshold of diversity, equity, and inclusion.

The Bloomberg Law DEI Framework is open to U.S. based law firms. Firms had five months to gather and submit their data using the Data Collection Instrument via secure online survey.

**DEI Pillar Scores**

The DEI Scores measure distinguished performance against standards in each of the six pillar areas. Each is measured from 0-100%, with 100% being a perfect score. Firms only earn points for exceeding overall industry averages (according to ABA and NALP industry reports)*, so anything over 0% represents exceeding averages in at least one metric and 100% represents exceeding averages on every metric.

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*Where available
Methodology

The scoring for the six pillar areas represents 90% of the total DEI Score (the remaining 10% is based on Disclosure). The pillars of Marketing and Diversity & Inclusion in the Community are combined, as these are smaller survey sections. Each pillar, or combination of pillars, receives its own score.

The pillar scores are weighted to determine 90% of the full DEI score as follows:

- **25%** = Recruitment & Retention
- **25%** = Leadership & Talent Pipeline
- **20%** = Business Strategy & Innovation
- **20%** = Firm Demographics
- **10%** = Diversity & Inclusion + Marketing

Industry Demographics

The firms participating in the inaugural year tend to meet or exceed industry averages for many diversity metrics.

- **88%** of firms have a public statement regarding their commitment to diversity and inclusion
- **53%** of firms tie a component of partner compensation to diversity efforts
- **32%** conducted a pay audit in 2020
- **58%** of firms require diversity within a pool of candidates for management and leadership roles (and of those, an average of 23% percent of slated candidates must be diverse)
- **33%** of firms shared a specific, time-bound action plan to increase the representation of diverse groups in leadership positions

83% of companies have a Chief Diversity Officer (or equivalent)

48% of firms say that Practice Group Leaders have clear diversity and inclusion goals included as part of their annual performance review

64% of firms mandate and monitor that minority and women attorneys have equal access to client, quality work assignments, committee appointments, marketing efforts, and firm events
### Female
Just under half of all associates are women, and they account for roughly one out of every four partners.

- 47.6% Associates
- 27.7% Partners

### Asian
Twelve percent of law firm associates are Asian, as are one out of every twenty partners.

- 12.0% Associates
- 5.0% Partners

### Black
Just over 5 percent of law associates are Black, and only one out of every fifty are partners.

- 5.3% Associates
- 2.4% Partners

### Firm Management
Most firms are publicly stating their commitment to diversity and inclusion, but fewer have a specific plan to increase diversity within their leadership or tie components of compensation to diversity efforts.

- 89% of the top management at law firms are Caucasian.
- 81% of the top management at law firms are male.
- Just over 1/3 of law offices (35%) are led by attorneys other than white men.
### Policies and Benefits

Benefits and policies can be useful ways of both attracting and retaining diverse talent. Nearly all firms offer standard medical, dental vision, and paid primary parental leave. Other types of leave, flexibility and benefits are less common.

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### Learn more

To see the full list of 2021 DEI Framework Member Firms and scoring methodology visit [pro.bloomberglaw.com/DEI](http://pro.bloomberglaw.com/DEI)

### Next steps

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### Have questions?

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2021 Member Firms

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CDF Labor Law LLP
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Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi PC
Covington & Burling LLP
Crowell & Moring LLP
Davis Wright Tremaine LLP
Epstein Becker Green
Fish & Richardson P.C.
Fox Rothschild LLP
Friedman Kaplan Seiler & Adelman LLP
Frost Brown Todd LLC
Hunton Andrews Kurth LLP
Kirkland & Ellis LLP
Kutak Rock LLP
Lane Powell PC
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