The Pillsbury Difference

Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP is an international law firm with a particular focus on the technology & media, energy, financial services, and real estate & construction sectors. Recognized as one of the most innovative law firms by Financial Times and one of the top firms for client service by BTI Consulting, Pillsbury and its lawyers are highly regarded for their forward-thinking approach, their enthusiasm for collaborating across disciplines and their authoritative commercial awareness.

A Values-Driven Law Firm

Pillsbury embraces an unwavering commitment to collaboration, innovation, sustainability and giving back to the communities in which we live and work. We became one of the first U.S. firms to launch a formal corporate social responsibility initiative, which combines and enhances our existing programs for pro bono, diversity and inclusion, conservation, charitable giving, and community outreach.

Firm Recognition and Rankings

U.S. News—Best Lawyers
2020 Best Law Firms/Best Lawyers in America
89 of our practices are ranked No. 1 in their category and 105 Pillsbury lawyers are recognized as leaders in their fields.

The Human Rights Campaign
2020 Corporate Equality Index
Pillsbury is one of only nine law firms to receive a 100-per cent perfect score every year since 2006.

2019 Chambers
Pillsbury leads AmLaw 100 firms with the 10th-highest percentage of Chambers-ranked lawyers.

BTI Power Elite
Pillsbury ranks No. 12 for client relationship strength out of 338 global law firms, earning us a place in BTI’s Power Elite.

Working Mother
2019 100 Best Companies/Best Law Firms for Women
The magazine has named Pillsbury one of the 100 Best Companies for working parents 13 times. We were one of only five law firms on the 2019 list. Working Mother also included Pillsbury as one of only 17 firms in its inaugural Best Law Firms for Women Hall of Fame class in 2019.

2019 NAFE Top Companies
Pillsbury was named to the NAFE (National Association for Female Executives) Top 50 Companies for Executive Women list for a seventh time.

Financial Times – 2019 North America Innovative Lawyers
We were recognized as one of North America’s most innovative law firms, with three individual matters highlighted in the 2019 report.

The Legal 500 U.S.
The publication recognized 125 Pillsbury lawyers and 30 practices in its 2019 U.S. edition.
Pillsbury is inextricably linked to the development of the industrial age and the evolution of today’s global digital economy.

- **1868**: Firm is founded in New York by future Secretary of State and Nobel Peace laureate Elihu Root.
- **1885**: Won right to install telephone wires for AT&T’s predecessors.
- **1900**: Helped Standard Oil acquire Pacific Coast Oil, creating the company that would become Chevron.
- **1945**: Organized protocol for signing of the UN Charter by 50 founding nations.
- **1972**: Represented Hughes in launching the satellite communications industry.
- **1970**: Guided the first-ever public offering by an NYSE brokerage.
- **1968**: Handled the formation of Intel Corporation.
- **1960**: Launched the nation’s first nuclear energy practice.
- **1978**: Obtained the first patent on nanotechnology, for the Pharmaceutical Society of Victoria, Australia.
- **1980**: Handled the then-largest foreign acquisition of a U.S. bank (now HSBC).
- **1984**: Managed then-record-setting cash merger ($13.2 billion) of Gulf Oil and Chevron.
- **1999**: Pillsbury becomes the first large, national U.S. firm to elect a woman as chair.
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- **2013**: $10 billion in venture financing since 1999 for tech and life science startups.
- **2011**: Assisted a large global financial services institution in a $1 billion outsourcing technology project involving 24 countries.
- **2010**: Cleared regulatory hurdles to enable construction of the world’s largest wind farm.
- **2008**: Won a landmark U.S. Supreme Court decision on habeas corpus rights for foreign detainees at Guantánamo Bay.
- **2014**: Project counsel for $20 billion Akkuyu nuclear reactor facility in Turkey, one of the largest nuclear projects currently under development worldwide.
- **2015**: Won $55 million verdict for client Victaulic Co., including $46 million in punitive damages, in jury trial against insurer.
- **2016**: Completed financing for the Wharf, a 3.2 million square-foot waterfront development along the Washington Channel of the Potomac River valued at $2 billion.
- **2017**: Closed a $1.87 billion construction loan for client Triple Five Group for the long-awaited American Dream project, a massive amusement, retail and entertainment complex at a total projected cost of $2.7 billion.