TOP 10 REASONS TO BID ON SIDLEY AUSTIN LLP

10. OUR PRACTICE: Sidley advises clients on transactional, regulatory and litigation matters spanning virtually every area of law. Sidley nabbed the most first-tier national rankings of any U.S. law firm in the *U.S.News – Best Lawyers “Best Law Firms”* rankings for 2010 and 2011/12. *Chambers USA: America’s Leading Lawyers for Business* named 171 lawyers from Sidley as leaders in their field and recognized 82 of our practices in their 2011 guide. Sidley was named *USA Law Firm of the Year 2011* in the *Who’s Who Legal* awards.

9. OUR CLIENT SERVICE: Sidley is one of three law firms to be ranked in the top 10 for overall client service in *The BTI Client Service 30* every year since the inception of those rankings in 2001.

8. OUR TRAINING: For the second consecutive year, Sidley is the sole law firm to be named to *Chief Learning Officer* magazine’s list of 43 global organizations devoted to the culture of learning.

7. OUR SUMMER PROGRAM: Sidley’s program gives summer associates a clear vision of what it’s like to be a first-year associate at the firm. Work assignments are real projects for real clients and provide participants with a unique insider’s view of Sidley’s culture and practice. Our program allows summer associates to choose their own assignments and create a workflow that best suits their professional interests.

6. OUR COMMITMENT TO OUR LAWYERS AND THEIR FAMILIES: Sidley understands that lawyers should not have to sacrifice their family for their practice. This flexibility has led to Sidley being named to the National Association for Female Executives (NAFE) & Flex-Time Lawyers “Best Law Firms for Women” each year since the list’s inception in 2007. Similarly, Sidley was named to the Women in Law Empowerment Forum’s (WILEF) initial list of law firms with Gold Standard Certification – a designation for firms that have integrated women in top leadership positions.

5. OUR INTERNATIONAL SCOPE: Sidley is one of the world’s premier law firms, with a practice attuned to the changing international landscape. Sidley has built a reputation for being a powerful adviser in global business, with approximately 1700 lawyers in 18 offices worldwide.

4. OUR PRO BONO COMMITMENT: In 2011, lawyers and staff devoted more than 90,000 hours to pro bono projects and played a vital role in the lives of individuals and organizations throughout the world, including through death penalty appeals, political asylum matters and civil rights litigation. Among many other awards recognizing our pro bono efforts, Sidley has received two Commitment to Justice Awards, given by inMotion, Inc., a leading non-profit legal services provider to low-income women in New York.

3. OUR DIVERSITY: Sidley is committed to hiring, training and promoting a diverse group of lawyers. We are proud that the firm has won the 2012 Most Innovative Gender Diversity Initiative Award at the first Chambers USA Women in Law Awards, as well as many other awards for its family-friendly policies and practices. We have been named one of the Human Rights Campaign’s “Best Places to Work for LGBT Equality” every year since 2008. As part of our ongoing effort to become a more diverse organization, in 2010, Sidley launched a Diversity and Inclusion Scholarship for selected second-year law students. In addition, our Prelaw Scholars Initiative helps to build the pipeline of diverse lawyers entering the profession by defraying the cost of applying to law schools for talented diverse college students in financial need.

2. OUR CLIENTS: We are proud of the range and caliber of the clients we serve. Many of our clients – from financial institutions and investment banks to Fortune 500 companies and sports franchises – are at the forefront of their respective industries, professions and markets. Our success is borne as much out of knowledge of the law as it is out of the strong relationships we build with our clients.

1. OUR PEOPLE: Sidley takes great pride in the culture of collegiality that it has cultivated across its many offices. Our lawyers leverage their wide-reaching legal backgrounds with a dedication to teamwork, collaboration and superior client service.
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