

Award	Law firm	Originality	Rationale	Impact	Total innovation score	Comment
Standout	Weil, Gotshal & Manges	8	10	8	26	General Electric turned to the firm to design, co-ordinate and implement one of the largest ever corporate transformations, involving more than \$100bn in disposals and restructuring \$205bn in debt. Nearly 400 lawyers from 17 offices co-ordinated their resources, expertise and a deep knowledge of the client to make the complex reorganisation happen. Lawyers gave GE confidence during the process, helping the business take risks in order to reinvent itself as a digital industrial company.
Highly Commended	Kirkland & Ellis	8	8	8	24	Lawyers devised a litigation and bankruptcy strategy for Sabine Oil & Gas to resolve billions of dollars of creditor claims following a merger. The company completed its Chapter 11 restructuring with sufficient cash to expand its business.
Highly Commended	Sullivan & Cromwell	9	8	7	24	In just seven months, the firm co-ordinated a settlement for Volkswagen when it faced regulatory and class action claims relating to its emissions scandal. The complex process involved reaching agreements with multiple US regulators, 44 US states and a class of nearly 500,000 consumers.
Commended	Davies Ward Phillips & Vineberg	8	8	7	23	Managed complex intellectual property and national security concerns to structure the first government-owned, contractor-operated model for Canada's nuclear research facilities. Commended: Gillian Stacey
Commended	Shearman & Sterling	8	8	7	23	Helped Dow Chemical sell 52 chlor-alkali facilities from different businesses in 35 countries to Olin in a \$5bn Reverse Morris Trust transaction, which improved the tax position.
Commended	Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom	8	8	7	23	Created new tax and governance solutions to structure DuPont's planned \$130bn merger of equals with Dow Chemical and a follow-on plan to split the merged company into three new businesses. Commended: Peter Atkins and Brandon Van Dyke
Commended	Weil, Gotshal & Manges	7	8	8	23	Advising Dow Chemical on its planned merger with DuPont, the firm helped create a unique governance structure that will combine 900 or so product lines. The structure has won approval for the deal from shareholders.
Commended	O'Melveny & Myers	7	8	7	22	Created a reorganisation plan and dual governance structure that allowed the recently merged Verso to integrate and restructure its debt through a bankruptcy process in just six months.