

Award	Law firm	Originality	Rationale	Impact	Total innovation score	Comment
Standout	Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe	8	9	9	26	While representing two of the leading companies in the daily fantasy sports industry, lawyers campaigned for new legislation to clarify the State of New York's position on the sector's legality. The strategy meant their clients, FanDuel and DraftKings, could take advantage of the American football season and restored investor confidence in the industry. Commended: Jeremy Kudon
Standout	Ropes & Gray	8	8	9	25	Lawyers persuaded the US Food and Drug Administration to rescind a warning letter and issue an apology to pharmaceutical company Pacira, to cancel out allegations that it had carried out misleading marketing of its flagship drug Exparel, an analgesic.
Standout	Stikeman Elliott	8	8	9	25	Lawyers negotiated with Canadian regulators on behalf of client Dundee Acquisition to make special purpose acquisition corporations viable in Canada. SPACs allow public investors to make acquisitions of private companies and allow target companies an easier route to list publicly. Commended: Simon Romano
Highly Commended	Akerman	7	8	8	23	Representing the Seminole Tribe of Florida, the firm helped clarify the laws governing what a state can and cannot tax with regard to lessees of American Indian land when proposed state taxes are in conflict with Federal regulations.
Highly Commended	Davies Ward Phillips & Vineberg	8	8	7	23	The firm helped Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation navigate privacy, data-protection, anti-money laundering and other gambling laws to create PlayOLG, Ontario's first regulated online gambling website. Commended: Gillian Stacey
Commended	Akerman	7	7	8	22	In a rapidly changing regulatory environment, the firm negotiated with state department officials to construct a legal framework to enable its client, the non-profit Musicabana, to hold a three-day music festival in Havana.