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With some of the largest commercial real estate deals happening right here in our own back yard, it's no surprise that New York is home to a bevy of law firms with real estate departments vying for a piece of that action. Leases, sales, land use and loans are all the beginning for many of these firms, whose New York offices can be the nerve center for a lot of their worldwide real estate practices. The Commercial Observer touched base with some of them to get an idea of how real estate fits in to the overall picture in terms of metrics. Though some weren't included because they didn't respond in time, the numbers for those that responded indicate some firms survive on New York real estate alone while others—large and small—devote a big percentage of their firm-wide workforce to the area.

LAW FIRM	LAWYERS, FIRMWIDE	REAL ESTATE LAWYERS, FIRMWIDE	REAL ESTATE LAWYERS, NEW YORK	REAL ESTATE DEPARTMENT HEADS/PARTNERS	NEW YORK ADDRESS	PHONE
Belkin Burden Wenig & Goldman LLP	45	45	45	Sherwin Belkin, Joseph Burden, Howard Wenig and Jeffrey Goldman	270 Madison Avenue	212-867-4466
Bryan Cave	1064	126	29	James Buell, Andrew Auerbach	1290 Avenue of the Americas	212-541-2000
Cozen O'Connor	575	89	14	Thomas Decker, Abby Wenzel, Ken Fisher	277 Park Avenue	212-883-4900
DLA Piper	4,200	244	16	Martin Polevoy, Jay Epstien	1251 Avenue of the Americas	212-335-4500
Edward A. Mermelstein & Associates	22	. 8	6	Edward Mermelstein	302 Fifth Avenue	212-239-4001
Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson	495	338	49	Jonathan Mechanic, Michael Barker, Meyer Last, Stephen Lefkowitz, Richard Leland, Brian Lichter, et al	375 Park Avenue	212-859-6600
Gibson Dunn	1,039	250	22	Fred Pillon, Alan Samson, Jesse Sharf	200 Park Avenue	212-351-4000
Greenberg Traurig	1,750	221	46	Robert Ivanhoe, Stephen Rabinowitz	200 Park Avenue	212-801-9200
Holland & Knight	1,009	209	16	Stuart Saft, Martin Miner	31 West 52nd Street	212-513-3200
Kasowitz, Benson, Torres & Friedman	375	300.	8	Wallace Schwartz	1633 Broadway	212-506-1700
Kirkland & Ellis LLP	1505	50	17	n/a	601 Lexington Avenue	212-446-4800
Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel	325	300	50	Jay Neveloff and Michael Korotkin, real estate; Paul Selver and Michael Sillerman, land use	1177 Avenue of the Americas	212-715-9100
LePatner & Associates	N/a	. 6	6	Barry LePatner	575 Lexington Avenue	212-935-4400
Loeb & Loeb	317	28	17	Raymond A. Sanseverino	345 Park Avenue	212-407-4000
Morrison & Foerster	1072	125	66	Marc Young, Mark Edelstein	1290 Avenue of the Americas	212-468-8000
Paul Hastings	881	117	34	Philip Feder, Robert Wertheimer, Peter Olsen, Rick Kirkbride	75 East 55th Street	212-318-6000
Rosenberg & Estis, P.C.	55	55	55	Equity Partners: Gary Rosenberg, Warren Estis, Luise Barrack, Michael Lefkowitz, Richard Sussman, Jeffrey Turkel, Blaine Schwadel	733 Third Avenue	212-867-6000
Schulte Roth & Zabel	, 375	345	41	Jeffrey Lenobel	919 Third Avenue	212-756-2000
Shearman & Sterling	900	60	26	Lisa Brill, Malcolm Montgomery, John Opar and Chris Smith	599 Lexington Avenue	212-848-4000
Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom	1345	670	37	Harvey Uris, Neil Rock	919 Third Avenue	212-735-3000
Stroock & Stroock & Lavan	299	239	37	Leonard Boxer	180 Maiden Lane	212-806-5400