

# Law Firms Lead on Sustainability

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As sustainability becomes increasingly more critical in driving organizational policies, decision makers are feeling pressure to find eco-friendly ways to deliver their goods and services – including evaluating the impact of the real estate they occupy. Studying the Am Law top 50, the Savills Legal Tenant examined more than 500 office buildings that these firms reside in and found that, on the whole, the legal sector seems keen on seeking out LEED-certified and Energy Star-rated locations. Read on to learn more.

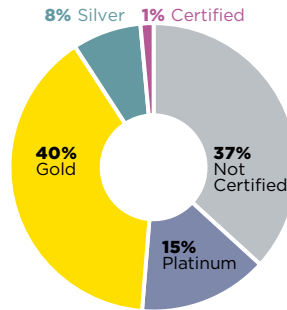


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## LEED CERTIFICATIONS

# 63%

of Am Law top 50 U.S. office locations are in **LEED Certified** buildings



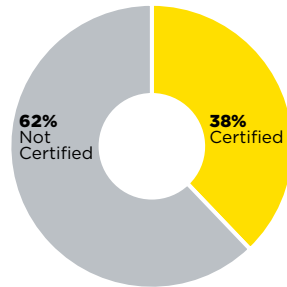
## RANKING COMPARISON

	LEED Certified
Am Law 1-25	68%
Am Law 26-50	58%

## ENERGY STAR CERTIFICATIONS

# 38%

of Am Law top 50 U.S. office locations are in **Energy Star Certified** buildings



## RANKING COMPARISON

	Energy Star Certified
Am Law 1-25	39%
Am Law 26-50	33%

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In most markets, there are significantly more LEED-certified buildings than Energy Star-rated buildings which accounts for the difference shown here.

## AM LAW TOP 50 BUILDING CERTIFICATIONS BY METRO MARKET\*

Key Legal Sector Metro Markets	# of LEED Certified	% of LEED Certified	# of Energy Star Certified	% of Energy Star Certified
Boston	24	96%	10	40%
Chicago	26	90%	14	48%
Dallas/Fort Worth	15	71%	4	19%
Houston	28	100%	20	71%
Los Angeles	41	79%	28	54%
Orange County CA	13	100%	10	77%
New York	35	67%	11	21%
San Francisco	30	83%	15	42%
South Florida	12	86%	10	71%
Washington, DC	35	71%	24	49%

## Key Takeaways

As we exit the pandemic, law firms continue to focus on the quality of the environments they offer to their people and sustaining the environment of our planet is ranking higher and higher as a decision criteria. We expect that the numbers in this study will continue to rise substantially as law firm leases expire and there are continued opportunities to relocate to buildings that better meet the overall goals of each firm.

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