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Troutman Pepper Locke Breaks Into Top 15 for 2025 U.S. Private Equity Deal Activity

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Firm Earns Strong 2025 and Q4 Private Equity League Table Rankings in First Year as Combined Firm

NEW YORK – In its first year as a combined firm, Troutman Pepper Locke ranked No. 11 in *PitchBook*'s 2025 Annual Global League Tables of the most active law firms representing U.S. companies in private equity deals, climbing 14 spots year over year. The firm's Private Equity, Emerging Company and Venture Capital, Corporate, and Mergers and Acquisitions practices secured robust rankings across multiple sectors and regions in the 2025 and Q4 global league tables released by *The Deal*, *PitchBook*, and *LSEG*.

Troutman Pepper Locke also improved its standing in key Q4 2025 league tables, rising to No. 15 from No. 20 in *PitchBook*'s U.S. Private Equity Deals by Geography rankings and to No. 14 among the most active M&A law firms in the U.S., according to *PitchBook*'s Q4 rankings.

"Our Q4 and year-end results speak volumes about our first year as a combined firm," said [Paul Mahoney](#), leader of Troutman Pepper Locke's Private Equity and Investment Funds Practice. "We're seeing strong deal activity and significant gains across key sectors. That success is fueled by our integrated platform, sector focus, and collaborative teams. We're proud of this first-year performance and the trajectory it sets for 2026 and beyond."

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Private Equity Deals

Geography

#15 Most Active in U.S.

U.S. Regions

#19 Most Active in the West Coast

#13 Most Active in the Southeast

#11 Most Active in the Mid-Atlantic

#11 Most Active in New England

#7 Most Active in the South

#16 Most Active in Mountain and Midwest

Sector

#14 Most Active in Energy

#14 Most Active in Financial Services

#19 Most Active in Health Care

#23 Most Active in IT

Representing

#11 Most Active in U.S. – Companies

#23 Most Active Globally – Companies

#13 Most Active in U.S. – Investors

Venture Capital

U.S. Regions

#21 Most Active in the Southeast

#18 Most Active in New England

#24 Most Active in Mountain and Midwest

Sector

#16 Most Active in HC Devices & Supplies

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Sector

#16 Most Active in B2C

#19 Most Active in Energy

#16 Most Active in Financial Services

#12 Most Active in IT

Representing

#10 Most Active in U.S. – Companies

#25 Most Active Globally – Investors

#15 Most Active in U.S. – Investors

Venture Capital

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#16 Most Active in the South

#14 Most Active in New England

Sector

#20 Most Active in Pharma & Biotech

Representing

#21 Most Active in U.S. – Companies

M&A

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#17 Ranked Firm

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