

# Law Firm Associate Signing Bonuses Take a Dive, Recruiter Finds

Bloomberg Law **reports** that average signing bonuses for law firm associates have dropped by \$10,000 since 2017 partly because salaries have gone up and women are getting less, according to client data compiled by a legal staffing and recruiting company.

The company, Special Counsel, found that the average signing bonus this year so far is about \$17,000. One Special Counsel client topped the list with \$60,000, compared to a record \$90,000 last year, report Bloomberg reporters Sam Skolnik and Madi Alexander.

The vast majority of those receiving signing bonuses were law firm associates. The others were in-house attorneys or law firm counsel or partners, the report adds.

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