



Check if your firm qualifies for Raising the Bar in DC Recognition:

To qualify, a firm must:

- 1) Provide financial support to the campaign's list of **40+ eligible legal services organizations** during the calendar year.
- 2) Total giving to qualifying organizations during the year must meet pre-established benchmark percentages of your firm's average DC office revenue.

You can plan ahead! Because the percentage is measured against an average of prior years' revenue, you can calculate what amount your firm needs to give to qualify at the desired level - Platinum, Gold, or Silver - in advance. **Here's how:**

Work with the firm's administrative team to gather information about the firm's D.C. office revenue in the three prior years (for 2025 Recognition: Use 2024, 2023, and 2022). For example, let's assume the firm's D.C. office revenue was \$520,000,000 in 2024; \$515,000,000 in 2023; and \$450,000,000 in 2022.

Average these three numbers. This is the revenue number you will use for your Raising the Bar calculations. For example, based on the above, the average revenue is \$495,000,000.

Calculate the total sum of charitable contributions to the 40+ Raising the Bar in DC organizations you'd need to qualify at each benchmark level. For example, based on the above, the following total sum of charitable contributions would be needed to qualify at each level: Platinum - 0.11% of \$495,000,000 = \$544,500; Gold - 0.09% of \$495,000,000 = \$445,500; Silver - 0.075% of \$495,000,000 = \$371,250

Calculate your charitable contributions to qualifying organizations thus far in calendar year 2025. (There is a handy list on our sample reporting form.) For example, let's assume the sum of the firm's giving to these organizations thus far in 2025 is \$400,000.

Compare that total to the benchmarks above. This will tell you how close/far you are to your desired benchmark level. For example, based on this sum, the firm will qualify at the Silver level. If the firm increased its charitable giving budget to the Raising the Bar in DC eligible organizations by \$45,500, it'd qualify at the Gold level; if it increased by \$144,500 it'd qualify at the Platinum level.



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