

The Firms That Move Austin

A ten-year leaderboard of entitlement representation at the Planning Commission and Zoning & Platting Commission, 2016–2026.

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One firm appears in roughly one of every seven agent-attributed Austin entitlement hearings.

Austin Development Watch maintains a structured record of every Planning Commission and Zoning & Platting Commission case in the public record — about 5,190 hearings since 2016, each tagged to the agent of record and its outcome. That record answers a question the market has never had a clean answer to: **which firms actually carry Austin’s entitlement docket, and what happens when they do?**

THE TEN-YEAR LEADERBOARD

#	FIRM	10-YR HEARINGS	APPROVED*	POSTPONED*	LEAD ATTORNEYS (HEARINGS)
1	Drenner Group	632	39.7%	59.1%	Amanda Swor (309), Leah Bojo (266), Dave Anderson (44)
2	Armbrust & Brown	490	34.5%	64.8%	Richard Suttle (224), Michael Whellan (166)
3	Thrower Design	388	35.4%	62.3%	Ron Thrower (294), Victoria Haase (90)
4	Alice Glasco Consulting	226	39.4%	59.7%	Alice Glasco (226)
5	Husch Blackwell	131	23.2%	75.2%	Nikelle Meade (98), Stacey Milazzo (31)
6	DuBois Bryant & Campbell	97	43.8%	53.1%	David Hartman (95)
7	LJA Engineering	90	64.9%	21.6%	T. Walter Hoysa (25), Russell Kotara (20)
8	Land Use Solutions	75	31.0%	69.0%	Michele Haussmann (75)
9	Metcalfe Wolff Stuart & Williams	71	57.7%	42.3%	Michele Rogerson Lynch (63)
10	BGE	52	73.9%	8.7%	Brian Grace (13), Chris Rawls (13)

*Method: agent-attributed hearing rows at Austin PC + ZAP, 2016–June 2026, from ADW’s structured case database (~5,190 hearings; ~4,413 carry an attributed agent), with duplicate agent records resolved to one person. “Approved” and “Postponed” are shares of *decided* outcomes (recommended/ approved vs. postponed/indefinitely postponed), excluding still-pending and procedural items; with denials they total 100%. A “hearing” is one appearance of a case before a commission — one project can generate several. Firm totals are reconciled to the case level and recomputed weekly; every figure traces to a record.

WHAT THE LEADERBOARD SAYS

The market is concentrated at the top and long-tailed below. The four busiest firms — Drenner Group, Armbrust & Brown, Thrower Design and Alice Glasco Consulting — together carry nearly **two of every five** agent-attributed hearings (39%); everyone below operates as a boutique. Drenner sits clearly at #1, and within it just two attorneys — Amanda Swor and Leah Bojo — account for roughly **91%** of the firm’s pipeline.

The sharper signal is in the outcome columns. Among the volume leaders the dominant result is neither approval nor denial — it is **postponement**: Drenner 59%, Armbrust 65%, Thrower 62%, with the zoning boutiques higher still. The exceptions are the engineering and site-plan firms — LJA (65% approved, 22% postponed), BGE (74% / 9%) — which clear fast with little continuance. The dividing line is the work: discretionary zoning moves slowly and gets continued; by-right engineering clears. For anyone selecting counsel, benchmarking a competitor, or underwriting how long a case will take, the firm on the filing is signal — and now it is measurable.

Go deeper than the leaderboard.

The **Drenner Group 10-Year Intelligence Report** decodes the #1 line attorney-by-attorney — 632 hearings, district concentration, postponement chains, a peer benchmark, and an Excel appendix of every Drenner hearing.

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Next in the series: the **Armbrust & Brown Ten-Year Report** (the #2 firm), targeting Q3 2026.

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