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Brinks Gilson & Lione a "Top Boutique," Says IAM Patent 1000

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CHICAGO—Intellectual property law firm Brinks Gilson & Lione is a “top U.S. boutique” and a “Chicago IP stalwart” with “deep reservoirs of prosecution and litigation experience,” according to Intellectual Asset Management (IAM) magazine’s annual guide to leading private practice patent professionals and firms in the world’s key jurisdictions, the IAM Patent 1000 2017–The World’s Leading Patent Professionals.

In its recently released sixth edition, IAM Patent 1000 again designated Brinks as Recommended in Illinois for patent prosecution and transactions. It also placed the firm in the Silver Band in Illinois for patent litigation, in the Silver Band in North Carolina and Utah for patent firms, and in the Bronze Band in Michigan for patent firms.

The publication also recognized 12 Brinks attorneys it says excel at providing patent-related legal services, noting that six of them are trial lawyers. Only three firms in Illinois—Brinks and two Am Law 100 general practice firms—had that many individual litigators named.

IAM Patent 1000 describes Brinks’ litigators as attorneys who “take on central roles in must-win cases with consummate professionalism,” citing Brinks president James R. Sobieraj, along with fellow Chicago litigators William H. Frankel, Ralph J. Gabric, Laura Beth Miller, Gary M. Ropski, and Dominic Zanfardino. The publication also named Chicago prosecutors Joseph F. Hetz and Andrew D. Stover.

IAM Patent 1000 notes that Sobieraj “sets an example in the aggressive pursuit of client-defined wins,” and calls out Frankel’s “dynamic practice” encompassing the protection, enforcement, and monetization of all IP rights. Litigation practice group co-chair Gabric is “an awesome orator who instantly connects with juries,” observes the publication, while Miller “has a real enthusiasm for technology, but never gets side-tracked from her mission of conveying succinct and compelling arguments.”

Gary Ropski, says IAM Patent 1000, “works tirelessly” to resolve conflicts. The publication notes that first-time honoree Zanfardino “has a gift for clearly and eloquently articulating the key issues in a case.”

With regard to patent prosecution, IAM Patent 1000 says that Brinks files patents and advises on strategy with “striking proficiency.” It calls Hetz “one of the best prosecutors in the market,” and says that Stover is “a great person to get in at the ground level, as he brings strategic insights that can set a portfolio moving in the right direction.”

IAM Patent 1000 also recognized former International Trade Commission administrative law judge Carl C. Charneski of Brinks’ Washington, D.C. office, Steven L. Oberholtzer from its office in Ann Arbor, Mich., Allen R. Baum from the firm’s Research Triangle Park, N.C. office, and Ryan L. Marshall from its office in Salt Lake City.

According to the publication, Charneski provides “a unique level of insight on what judges will find persuasive,” while Oberholtzer is a “top-flight prosecutor and a steady-handed overseer of IP licensing

deals.” Baum “has a sophisticated understanding of what happens in the lab and how to transform this into commercially relevant intellectual property,” while Marshall is “an exceptionally talented lawyer, with good business sense.”

More information about the IAM Patent 1000 2017 is at <http://www.iam-media.com/Patent1000/>.

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