



HENRY L. BRINKS **SHAREHOLDER EMERITUS**

Henry Brinks is a true elder statesman of intellectual property litigation. In more than 50 years of practice he has amassed an enviable record that includes major victories in the Federal Circuit Court of Appeals as well as numerous district courts. Henry is also a persuasive advocate before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, where his experience as an examiner helps him make compelling arguments on behalf of clients.

Although he has a long and successful career to look back on, Henry personifies the Brinks Gilson & Lione motto of thinking forward. He identifies closely with his clients and is able to anticipate their concerns in litigation and business planning. A 360-degree thinker, Henry is often able to identify new inventions, product lines and even trademarks that need intellectual property protection.

Henry is an effective champion for his clients, and his relationships with them often last for decades. He has repeatedly been recognized for excellence in publications including *The Best Lawyers in America*.

EXPERIENCE | OVERVIEW

- Henry secured some of the first patents for the use of anti-skid devices in aircraft braking systems, similar to those still in use today.
- For more than 30 years, Henry defended a Fortune 500 consumer products company's patents against challenges from powerful competitors, both in federal court and the Patent Office.
- Henry helped a small oil-industry business grow its portfolio from a handful of patents into a multibillion dollar asset.
- In the biotech industry, Henry secured the first patent for transgenic corn by winning a dispute with a foreign firm that claimed to hold prior rights in an earlier filed patent application. The patent became the basis for many other types of genetically-modified food products.
- Henry has a deep understanding of patent law and litigation outside the United States. He is experienced in working with legal systems and business cultures throughout Europe.

PRACTICE GROUPS

Patent Prosecution
Licensing

HONORS

- *The Best Lawyers in America*, 2007, 2008, 2010-2018
- Leading Intellectual Property Lawyer, Leading Lawyers Network, Law Bulletin Publishing Company, 2014, 2015
- *Euromoney Guide to the World's Leading Patent Law Experts*, 2005

AFFILIATIONS

- American Intellectual Patent Law Association
- Licensing Executives Society

Biographies | Henry L. Brinks

- Federal Bar Association
- Illinois State Bar Association
- District of Columbia Bar Association
- Chicago Bar Association
- International Association for the Protection of Industrial Property
- Intellectual Property Law Association of Chicago Board of Directors
- American Intellectual Property Law Association Board of Directors, 1986-1989
- Intellectual Property Owners Association