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Brinks Gilson & Lione's Oberholtzer named Ann Arbor patent law "Lawyer of the Year" by Best Lawyers in America 2016

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ANN ARBOR – Steven L. Oberholtzer managing shareholder of the Ann Arbor office of Chicago-based Brinks Gilson & Lione, one of the largest intellectual property law firms in the U.S., was selected by his peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*© 2016 in the area of patent law. Oberholtzer was also named *The Best Lawyers in America*© 2016 Ann Arbor patent law 'Lawyer of the Year,' an honor he also received in 2013.

Celebrating more than 30 years in the legal profession, Oberholtzer's practice focuses on patent and trademark counseling, corporate intellectual property policy development and administration, technology licensing, joint development and joint venture relationship agreements. He also has experience in United States Patent and Trademark Office administrative proceedings including interferences, re-examinations, re-issues, trademark oppositions and patent application preparation and prosecution.

Oberholtzer has extensive experience with the intellectual property legal issues of the automotive industry. He has a lifelong interest in the industry and products, and was previously employed as a senior project engineer with a domestic OEM manufacturer and as in-house patent counsel for a Tier 1 supplier. In private practice, Oberholtzer has acted as primary outside counsel for a number of Tier 1 and lower tier supplier engagements that include worldwide responsibility for all intellectual property issues and management of teams of attorneys handling all facets of these matters. Oberholtzer is the principal author of a primer on intellectual property entitled, *The Basic Principles of Intellectual Property Law*. He holds a B.S. in mechanical engineering from Kettering University, formerly known as the General Motors Institute, and received his J.D. from the Detroit College of Law at Michigan State University.

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