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## Brinks Strikes Gold Again at World Trademark Review

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**CHICAGO**—Brinks Gilson & Lione, one of the largest intellectual property law firms in the United States, received top honors for the fifth year in a row in the recently published fifth annual edition of *World Trademark Review 1000—The World's Leading Trademark Professionals (WTR 1000)*, placing in the Gold Band for Illinois and in the Silver Band nationally for trademark matters.

WTR 1000 also recognized five individual Brinks trademark attorneys on the strength of their achievements: [Jerome Gilson](#), [David S. Fleming](#), [Jeffery A. Handelman](#), [John T. Gabrielides](#), and [Scott J. Slavick](#).

According to WTR, 'Admired Chicago boutique Brinks Gilson & Lione has a phenomenal sphere of influence. It is sought after worldwide by a stellar clientele, and the sheer depth of its talented bench ensures that it can effortlessly handle the most complex multi-jurisdictional actions.'

A source for the publication stated, 'You would be remiss not to say good things about Brinks. It is one of the few firms with a defined trademark department, rather than a small group which rides on the coattails of a commercial division.'

Name shareholder and IP Hall of Fame member [Jerome Gilson](#), recipient of the 2011 WTR Lifetime Achievement Award, is again one of only two attorneys listed in the individual Illinois Luminaries category. Gilson, a practitioner of trademark and unfair competition law for more than 50 years, is the original author of the landmark 10-volume law treatise *Gilson on Trademarks*. WTR notes that he and Brinks shareholder David Fleming collectively lend 'sagacity to clients and colleagues alike.'

Fleming was again named to the Silver Band, Enforcement and Litigation, in national rankings, and to the Gold Band, Enforcement and Litigation, among attorneys in Illinois. Former chair of Brinks' trademark litigation practice, Fleming handles trademark and unfair competition matters, and serves as counsel to the International Trademark Association (INTA).

WTR 1000 recognized shareholder Jeffrey Handelman with Silver Band status in Enforcement and Litigation for Illinois. The publication notes that Handelman 'had a red-letter year in 2014, when his was the name on everybody's lips.' According to one source interviewed by WTR, "He's got a standout

practice before the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board (TTAB) and everyone respects him as a person and a lawyer.” Handelman has more than 30 years' experience handling trademark infringement disputes for some of the world's most iconic brands. He is the author of the two-volume *Guide to TTAB Practice*, the former chair of Brinks' trademark practice group, and past co-chair of its litigation department.

Shareholder [John T. Gabrielides](#) again received Silver Band status in Enforcement and Litigation for Illinois. Notes *WTR*, 'Gabrielides is a firm favorite with clients and peers alike.' The guide cites one client as stating, “I hired him when I was in-house because I think the world of him.” Gabrielides is the former chair of Brinks' trademark practice group.

In again honoring shareholder Scott Slavick with Silver Band status for Prosecution and Strategy, and Bronze Band status for Enforcement and Litigation among Illinois attorneys, *WTR* noted that he “has an excellent command of global prosecution and litigation matters.” Slavick is a frequently published author and speaker on a range of topics relating to trademark law.

*WTR* conducts exhaustive qualitative research to develop *WTR 1000*, the only stand-alone research directory to focus exclusively on trademark practices and practitioners. The guide strives to provide the most comprehensive and definitive list of the world's leading private practice trademark experts on the basis of subjective feedback received from attorneys and clients operating in the market. In determining its rankings, *World Trademark Review* considers factors such as depth of expertise, market presence, and the level of work on which firms are typically engaged.

More information about *WTR 1000* is available [here](#).

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