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Brinks Gilson & Lione Partners with IU McKinney School of Law to Launch IP Law Scholars Program

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INDIANAPOLIS—Brinks Gilson & Lione, one of the nation's largest intellectual property law firms and the largest dedicated IP firm in Indiana, is establishing the Intellectual Property Law Scholars Program in partnership with the Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law.

The joint initiative enables qualifying part-time students at IU McKinney to work as paid scientific advisors at Brinks Gilson & Lione and to receive tuition remission. The program begins with the fall 2016 incoming class and initially will be available to one recipient per year.

"Brinks is committed to furthering the practice of IP law by introducing future attorneys to our work," said Sanders N. Hillis, managing shareholder of Brinks' Indianapolis office. "We are delighted to be partnering with IU McKinney to offer this opportunity for students to gain real-world experience in a thriving IP law firm."

"I am excited that Brinks is taking the lead in attracting talented engineering and science graduates to study at IU McKinney to become IP attorneys," said professor Xuan-Thao Nguyen, the Gerald L. Bepko chair and director of IU McKinney's Center for Intellectual Property Law and Innovation.

Added IU McKinney Dean Andrew R. Klein, "This partnership provides an opportunity for part-time students to gain practical experience well before they graduate by putting their studies to work at a firm with a national reputation for leadership in IP law. It plays to the law school's strengths in every way."

To be eligible to apply for the IP Law Scholars Program, IU McKinney students must have a degree in engineering or science with a minimum 3.0 GPA.

The IP Law Scholars Program is another of Brinks' initiatives focused on developing the next generation of legal practitioners. In 2012 the firm was instrumental in founding Legal Prep Charter Academy, a free, open-enrollment public high school in Chicago with a unique law-themed curriculum that Brinks continues to support. Legal Prep helps young people develop communication, critical thinking, problem-solving, and advocacy skills for a potential future career in law.

Since 2002, Brinks has sponsored the innovative Corporate Work Study Program at Cristo Rey Jesuit High School in Chicago. Brinks provides funding for student tuition and an entry-level position at the firm that is staffed on a rotating basis by four student workers, who in turn benefit from hands-on work experience and involvement in a professional environment. The program has become a model for inner-city education that has inspired a national network of 30 schools serving students in lower-income communities throughout the United States.

Brinks Gilson & Lione

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field of intellectual property. Brinks is one of the largest intellectual property law firms in the U.S. Clients around the world use Brinks to help them protect and enforce their intellectual property rights. Brinks lawyers provide counseling in all aspects of patent, trademark, unfair competition, trade secret and copyright law. More information is at www.brinksgilson.com.

Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law

Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law has provided academic excellence and professional opportunities in the heart of Indiana's capital city for over 100 years. Located on the campus of Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis, McKinney Law enjoys active collaboration with the IU Schools of Medicine, Dentistry, Nursing, Social Work, the Kelley School of Business, and the Fairbanks School of Public Health. A short walk from the state's courts, the legislature, and major law firms, IU McKinney Law is dedicated to preparing students to be successful, ethical professionals in law, business, and public service in Indiana and around the world.