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Brinks Gilson & Lione's Oberholtzer and Sosenko named to Best Lawyers in America 2015 list; Sosenko also named Ann Arbor patent law "Lawyer of the Year"

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ANN ARBOR – Steven L. Oberholtzer and Eric J. Sosenko, shareholders in the Ann Arbor office of Chicago-based Brinks Gilson & Lione, one of the largest intellectual property law firms in the U.S., were selected by their peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*© 2015. Oberholtzer was recognized in the area of patent law and Sosenko was recognized for intellectual property litigation, patent law and trademark law. Additionally, Sosenko was named *The Best Lawyers in America*© 2015 Ann Arbor patent law 'Lawyer of the Year.'

Celebrating 30 years in the legal profession this year, Oberholtzer is the managing partner of the Ann Arbor office and serves on the firm's Board of Directors. His 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.

Eric Sosenko was listed in his specialty areas of patent law and trademark law as well as intellectual property litigation. His practice focuses on the procurement, enforcement and licensing of patents and trademarks in all industrial fields, including the mechanical, electro-mechanical, medical and material arts. He counsels on the strategic implementation and management of domestic and international intellectual property portfolios for various multinational clients and deals with a wide range of intellectual property issues.

In addition to his U.S. practice, Mr. Sosenko has an extensive international practice with significant experience in international protection, both directly with all major foreign intellectual property offices and under various multinational treaties, including the Patent Cooperation Treaty, and has presented at seminars in both China and Japan.

Sosenko serves as the chairperson of Brinks' Mechanical Practice Group. He received his J.D. and a B.S. in mechanical engineering from West Virginia University.

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