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"Look No Further Than Brinks," Say Editors at IAM, Firm Receives High Recognition in IAM Patent 1000, 13 Attorneys Named Stars

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CHICAGO— Each year, *Intellectual Asset Management* magazine's *IAM Patent 1000—The World's Leading Patent Practitioners* spotlights best-in-class patent prosecution, licensing and litigation practitioners and firms, and this year intellectual property law firm Brinks Gilson & Lione has again received high recognition, distinguished as Recommended in Illinois for patent prosecution and transactions, placing in the Silver Band in Illinois for patent litigation, and placing in the Silver Band in Michigan and North Carolina for patent firms.

Brinks, one of the largest intellectual property law firms in the United States, also placed in the Bronze Band in the Washington, D.C. metro area for patent litigation, and for the first time was recognized in the Bronze Band in Utah for patent firms. Says *IAM*, now in its third edition: 'Companies seeking a group of smart, down-to-earth attorneys with a strong ... work ethic need look no further than Brinks Gilson & Lione.'

IAM notes that Brinks does a great job maintaining the utmost standards in both patent prosecution and patent litigation. The editors add that with its skill mix, the firm is ideally suited to post-grant work and report that Brinks finds itself in high demand in the environment post-America Invents Act. The publication cites the firm's mastery of the electrical arts and its recruitment of marquee names from the International Trade Commission (ITC) as foundations of its 'muscular Section 337 practice,' and notes that medical device and biopharmaceutical litigation are also strongholds for the contentious division.

The *IAM Patent 1000* also featured 13 individual Brinks attorneys identified by market sources for their exceptional skill sets and profound insights into patent matters. In Chicago, the publication singled out Brinks president James R. Sobieraj, and his colleagues and fellow shareholders William H. Frankel, Ralph J. Gabric, Joseph F. Hetz, Laura Beth Miller, Gary M. Ropski and Andrew D. Stover. *IAM* also named Carl C. Charneski from Brinks' Washington, D.C. office; Kelly K. Burris from the firm's Detroit office; Steven L. Oberholtzer from its Ann Arbor office; Allen R. Baum from its office in Research Triangle Park, N.C.; and Ryan L. Marshall and Steven P. Shurtz from its office in Salt Lake City.

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