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## Brinks Gilson & Lione Patent Litigator Brad Lane Appointed PILI Board President

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**CHICAGO**—Brad Lane, a patent litigator and shareholder at intellectual property law firm Brinks Gilson & Lione, has been appointed to a two-year term as president of the board of directors of the Public Interest Law Initiative (PILI).

PILI's mission is to cultivate a lifelong commitment to public interest law and pro bono service within the Illinois legal community, and to expand the availability of legal services for individuals, families, and communities in need. As president of the non-profit organization's board, Lane will lead initiatives aimed at achieving PILI's long-term goals, including growing the Law Student Internship Program, expanding the availability and visibility of pro bono legal services across Illinois, and recognizing the organization's and its alumni's accomplishments during PILI's 40th anniversary year in 2017.

"There is such a great need in our state for legal services for people of limited means," said Lane. "It's a privilege to provide a platform for attorneys and aspiring attorneys to offer these services through the best legal aid and public interest organization in Illinois, and I am truly honored to have been appointed to this role by my fellow board members."

At Brinks, Lane is chair of the medical device practice group, and focuses his practice on litigating patent and trade secret matters and on related antitrust and licensing matters. Lane also counsels Brinks clients on domestic and international patent prosecution and oversees international enforcement actions and patent clearance studies.

Lane regularly takes pro bono cases, including landlord-tenant disputes, expungement motions and hearings, veteran benefits appeals, and special education, immigration, and trademark matters. In 2015, when Brinks adopted a night at PILI's Legal Prep Community Law Clinic, Lane helped coordinate the effort and served as a volunteer. He is vice chairperson of Brinks' pro bono committee.

Lane first became involved with PILI through the organization's Pro Bono Initiative Program. He joined PILI's board of directors in 2007. Lane's colleague Jerome Gilson, an internationally respected trademark attorney who has practiced for more than 50 years at Brinks Gilson & Lione, is a PILI Life Director.

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