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## Brinks Gilson & Lione shareholder reappointed to IPO Corporate IP Management Committee

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**ANN ARBOR** –Michael Spink, a shareholder in the Ann Arbor office of Brinks Gilson & Lione, one of the largest intellectual property law firms in the U.S., has been reappointed to a second two year term on the Intellectual Property Owners Association (IPO) Corporate IP Management Committee for 2014-2015. IPO is a trade association for owners of patents, trademarks, copyrights and trade secrets.

At Brinks, Spink's practice focuses on all aspects of client counseling, including procurement, licensing and opinions on patents, trademarks and copyrights. He chairs the firm's Intellectual Asset Management group and is a Certified Licensing Professional (CLP) with extensive experience in complex transactions involving intellectual property, including due diligence, disposition, valuation and bankruptcy issues. Spink's patent practice includes portfolio management, prosecution, licensing and enforcement in numerous industries including automotive, medical devices and software. His trademark practice comprises worldwide portfolio management, clearance, prosecution, licensing and enforcement in federal district court and before the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board. Spink's copyright practice includes registration and licensing, and he is currently a contributing author on copyright law in a quarterly publication of the American Bar Association.

### **About IPO**

*Intellectual Property Owners Association (IPO), established in 1972, is a trade association for owners of patents, trademarks, copyrights and trade secrets. IPO is the only association in the U.S. that serves all intellectual property owners in all industries and all fields of technology.*

*IPO advocates for effective and affordable IP ownership rights and provides a wide array of services to members, including: supporting member interests relating to legislative and international issues; analyzing current IP issues; information and educational services; and disseminating information to the general public on the importance of intellectual property rights. Learn more [here](#).*

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