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Brinks names six Michigan shareholders as firm-wide practice group chairs for 2014

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ANN ARBOR/DETROIT – Six shareholders from the Michigan offices of Brinks Gilson & Lione, one of the nation's largest intellectual property law firms, have been named or reappointed firm-wide chairpersons of the firm's legal and industry practice groups and geographic task forces for 2014.

In the area of specialty Legal Practice Groups, Michael Spink (Ann Arbor) will serve a fourth term as chair of the Intellectual Asset Management Group and Margaret Dobrowitsky (Detroit) will serve a fifth term as chair of the Licensing Group. The firm added a new practice group this year for post-grant patent review, specifically to counsel clients on patent litigation strategies under the provisions of the Leahy-Smith America Invents Act (AIA) enacted in 2011. Detroit office managing partner Kelly Burris co-chairs this new practice group, which oversees the firm's proceedings before the United States Patent and Trademark Office, including post-grant and *inter partes* reviews, covered business method reviews, interferences, and *ex parte* reexaminations. Additionally, Burris continues as chair of the firm's green technology industry practice group.

Bill Boudreaux (Ann Arbor) will continue as co-chair of the Biotechnology & Pharmaceuticals Industry Practice Group; Eric Sosenko (Ann Arbor) will continue as chair of the Mechanical Group and Lawrence G. (L.G.) Almeda (Ann Arbor) will continue as chair of the Nanotechnology Group and chair of the firm's Brazil task force.

Also, [Steven L. Oberholtzer](#), managing partner of the Ann Arbor office, was elected to a new one-year term as a member of Brinks' board of directors. It is Oberholtzer's fourth time serving on the board since he joined Brinks in 2001.

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