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## Brinks Gilson & Lioné Shareholder Named a Top Lawyer in Intellectual Property and Patent Law by DBusiness Magazine

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Ann Arbor, Mich. - Steven L. Oberholtzer, managing shareholder of the Ann Arbor office of Chicago-based [Brinks Gilson & Lioné](#), one of the largest intellectual property law firms in the U.S., has been named a 2018 Top Lawyer by the Detroit business publication, *DBusiness Magazine*. Oberholtzer was recognized in the category of Intellectual Property and Patent Law. The Top Lawyers list will appear in the publication's November/December 2017 issue. The DBusiness recognition comes on the heels of Oberholtzer's being named The Best Lawyers in America® 2018 patent law "Lawyer of the Year" for Ann Arbor.

Oberholtzer, with more than 35 years of experience as an intellectual property attorney, has extensive experience with the intellectual property legal issues of the automotive industry. He has a lifelong interest in the industry and its products; early in his career, he was a senior project engineer with a domestic OEM manufacturer and also served as in-house patent counsel for a Tier 1 supplier. At Brinks, 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 and original editor of *The Basic Principles of Intellectual Property Law*, originally published by Brinks in 2006 and recently released in its fourth, Centennial Edition to reflect ongoing changes in intellectual property law and coinciding with the firm's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2017. He is also the principal author of the Brinks IP Toolkit, a resource binder of information for dealing with routine intellectual property legal matters including IP agreements, IP policies and procedures for companies, copyrights, trademarks, trade secrets and IP for information technology and social media. 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 Michigan State University College of Law.

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