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## IP Litigators Homan and Lydigsen Update Industry Benchmark Patent Law Reference

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CHICAGO—Brinks Gilson & Lione shareholders and intellectual property litigators Cynthia A. Homan and Laura A. Lydigsen have updated their industry standard reference guide, *Patents and the Federal Circuit*, a comprehensive commentary on the state of patent law, the 13<sup>th</sup> edition of which was recently released by publisher Bloomberg BNA.

Homan and Lydigsen annually update the guide, which places high-profile and less celebrated federal patent law decisions into an analytical framework demonstrating their relevance and impact. The co-authors detail the ever-changing issues and developments in substantive patent law, infringement litigation, and procedure, and distill the opinions issued by the US Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit—the primary source of governing law on patents—providing convenient, one-source access to controlling case law.

In the newly released edition of their treatise, Homan and Lydigsen discuss recent landmark US Supreme Court and Federal Circuit decisions and their implications for patent law practitioners. They review the doctrine of equivalents and substantial equivalence injury, the relationship between vitiation and the all-elements rule, post-*Festo Corp. v. Shoketsu Kinzoku Kogyo Kabushiki Co.* rebuttals to prosecution history estoppel, and procedural considerations related to the doctrine of equivalents.

This latest edition of *Patents and the Federal Circuit* also discusses several decisions on patentability since the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in *Alice Corp. v. CLS Bank*, and examines multiple cases related to claim construction post-*Teva Pharmaceuticals USA, Inc. v. Sandoz, Inc.* and to enhanced damages post-*Halo Electronics, Inc. v. Pulse Electronics, Inc.* and *Stryker Corp. v. Zimmer, Inc.*

Brinks shareholder Cynthia Homan has briefed more than 70 intellectual property appeals and consulted on many others. Her experience extends from federal district and circuit courts to the Supreme Court, where she has briefed cases at both the petition and merits stages. Homan founded Brinks' appellate practice group and served for eight years as its chair.

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*Patents and the Federal Circuit* was originally written by the late Robert L. Harmon, a patent litigator at Brinks Gilson & Lione for 33 years.

More information is at <http://www.bna.com/bnabooks/pfc>.

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