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## Brinks Gilson & Lione Attorneys Miller, Pioli Named Among Top 10 Women IP Lawyers in Illinois, Says Leading Lawyers - Brinks Only Firm With More Than One Attorney on List

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**CHICAGO**—[Laura Beth Miller](#) and [Janet A. Pioli](#), two stand-out intellectual property attorneys and shareholders at Brinks Gilson & Lione, have been named by Leading Lawyers to its list of the Top 10 Women Intellectual Property Lawyers in Illinois for 2015.

Brinks is the only law firm with more than one attorney named to the Top 10 list for intellectual property law.

'At Brinks, we're committed to creating an environment where great attorneys can do great work, and I'm delighted to see [Laura Beth Miller](#) and Janet Pioli recognized by Leading Lawyers for their records of professional achievement,' said Brinks president [James R. Sobieraj](#).

[Laura Beth Miller](#) was ranked #2 on the Leading Lawyers list, and was also named one of the Top 100 Women Business Lawyers in Illinois and one of the Top 100 Women Lawyers in Illinois in the same edition of Leading Lawyers.

Miller is a deeply experienced intellectual property litigator whose practice focuses on patent, trade secret, and trademark law. She has expertise in counseling clients on complex commercial issues, including licensing, antitrust, and contract matters affecting business operations, product services, and technology. With more than two decades of trial and arbitration experience, including at the so-called rocket dockets for expedited review of patent challenges and appeals, Miller has a record of success in a range of notable cases. She is a member of Brinks' board of directors and its executive committee, and leads the firm's business development efforts. Miller also is a frequent speaker on ITC, patent litigation, and social media issues, and she is an adjunct professor at The John Marshall Law School.

Janet Pioli was ranked #6 among the Top 10 Women Intellectual Property Lawyers in Illinois by Leading Lawyers.

Pioli's practice encompasses strategic counseling for large patent portfolios, patent clearance and due diligence, patent prosecution supervision, litigation, and advertising review and clearance. She has a large and successful practice of appeals before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's Patent Trial and Appeal Board and before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, and has made numerous oral arguments before each. Her practice also includes *pro bono* appeals at the Federal Circuit to obtain disability benefits for U.S. veterans. Pioli is an active leader in the legal community: she is the secretary of the Federal Circuit Historical Society and is an international delegate from the Licensing Executives Society USA-Canada to that society's international branch. She also serves on the Board of Visitors for Northern Illinois University College of Law and is a member of the board of directors at Brinks.

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