

U.S. News & World Report and Best Lawyers Again Rank Brinks Gilson & Lione in Top Tier of U.S. Law Firms

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CHICAGO—Brinks Gilson & Lione, the sixth-largest IP law firm in the United States, has again been recognized as a top-tier law firm by *U.S. News & World Report* and *Best Lawyers* in its 2015 list of 'Best Law Firms.'

Brinks is ranked nationally in Tier 1, the highest level ranking, in the category of Patent Law for the fifth year in a row, and in Tier 1 in the category of Trademark Law for the third year in a row. Also for the third consecutive year, the firm was nationally ranked Tier 2 in Litigation-Intellectual Property and Litigation-Patent.

In the metropolitan rankings, encompassing 182 major U.S. markets, Brinks' Chicago office is designated Tier 1 in Copyright Law, Litigation-Intellectual Property, Litigation-Patent, Patent Law, and Trademark Law. The firm's Ann Arbor, Mich. office achieved a Tier 1 ranking for Litigation-Intellectual Property, Patent Law, and Trademark Law, and its office in Research Triangle Park, N.C. earned a Tier 1 ranking for Biotechnology Law and Patent Law, and a Tier 2 ranking for Corporate Law.

Brinks also had <u>sixteen shareholders</u> who were selected by their peers for inclusion in the 2015 listing of *Best Lawyers*.

The "Best Law Firms" rankings are based on a rigorous evaluation process that includes client and lawyer evaluations, peer review from leading attorneys in their field, and review of additional information provided by the law firms themselves. Clients were asked to provide feedback on firm practice groups, addressing expertise, responsiveness, understanding of a business and its needs, cost-effectiveness, civility, and whether they would refer another client to the firm. Lawyers voted on expertise, responsiveness, integrity, cost-effectiveness, whether they would refer a matter to a firm, and whether they consider a firm a worthy competitor. To be eligible for consideration as one of the "Best Law Firms," a firm must have at least one attorney listed in the current edition of *Best Lawyers*.

Brinks lawyers provide expertise in all aspects of patent, trademark, unfair competition, trade secret and copyright law. The firm's lawyers, who have advanced degrees across all fields of technology and science, serve commercial clients, innovators and research universities in every technical field, including in biotechnology, pharmaceuticals, chemicals, energy, agriculture, electrical and computer technologies, the mechanical arts, medical devices, green technology, and nanotechnology. In addition to its largest office in Chicago, Brinks has offices in Washington, D.C.; Research Triangle Park, N.C.; Ann Arbor, Mich.; Detroit; Salt Lake City and Indianapolis.

The 2015 'Best Law Firms' rankings are available at bestlawfirms.usnews.com.