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Intellectual Property Law Firm Brinks Gilson & Lione is Trade Law Firm of the Year: USA, Says Lawyer Monthly

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CHICAGO—Brinks Gilson & Lione has been named Trade Law Firm of the Year: USA by *Lawyer Monthly* in its Legal Awards 2014 edition, principally on the strength of its International Trade Commission practice group, which includes 35 attorneys and is co-chaired by shareholder and intellectual property litigator Laura Beth Miller and former ITC administrative law judge Carl C. Charneski.

Laura Miller, a standout litigator who is deeply engaged in activities in the legal community and the Chicago community, was also recently honored by *Lawyer Monthly* with a 2014 Women in the Law Award in the category of International Trade. Miller's practice focuses on patent, trade secret, and trademark issues; she excels at client counseling on complex commercial issues, including licensing, antitrust and contract issues affecting business operations, product services, and technology. With more than two decades of trial and arbitration experience—including in the patent 'rocket docket,' she has a record of success in a range of notable cases. Miller is a member of Brinks' board of directors and its executive committee.

Judge Charneski joined Brinks in Washington DC in 2011 as the firm expanded its ITC practice. While at the ITC, he managed fast-paced litigation dockets, presided over evidentiary hearings, and issued numerous decisions in Section 337 investigations involving allegations of patent, trademark, and copyright infringement as well as trade secret misappropriation affecting a wide range of high-tech industries. At Brinks, he focuses his practice on international trade matters, with an emphasis on representing clients in Section 337 investigations. Judge Charneski also advises clients on litigation strategies before U.S. district courts and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.

Brinks' ITC practice group uses a team approach to offer clients a unique combination of legal and technical expertise in Section 337 investigations and other complex and specialized proceedings before the ITC, as well as in parallel proceedings in federal district courts. Alongside Laura Miller and Judge Charneski, the team includes experienced ITC attorneys Jay H. Reiziss and Lyle Vander Schaaf, both of whom joined Brinks in 2010 after serving in the ITC's Office of General Counsel.

Jay Reiziss formerly worked as an attorney at the ITC in the Office of General Counsel, the Office of Chairman Stephen Koplan, and the Office of Unfair Import Investigations. While at the ITC, Reiziss was involved in more than 50 Section 337 investigations in biotechnology, chemistry, computer hardware and software, and mechanical devices. Since leaving the Commission, he has conducted all aspects of litigation before the Commission, as well as advising commissioners and briefing and arguing matters before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.

Lyle Vander Schaaf also served in the ITC's Office of General Counsel and was detailed to the Office of Chairman Watson in 1994. He has an active practice before the Commission and in parallel proceedings in federal court; he also has significant experience handling international trade matters

before the U.S. Department of Commerce and the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR), customs matters before U.S. Customs & Border Protection, and appeals of ITC decisions before the U.S. Court of International Trade and U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. He also has assisted in GATT- and WTO-related projects of the ITC. Vander Schaaf is managing partner of Brinks' Washington DC office.

The *Lawyer Monthly* Legal Awards recognize the achievements of law firms that have a proven track record in delivering results for their clients over the past twelve months. Lawyer Monthly polls legal professionals in corporations, private practice, and government and academic institutions to identify award winners. More information is at www.lawyer-monthly.com.

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