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Intellectual Asset Management Ranks Brinks Gilson & Lione "At the Top of the IP List"

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ANN ARBOR—National law firm Brinks Gilson & Lione is “at the top of the list” again this year for intellectual property according to *IAM Patent 1000 2016—The World’s Leading Patent Professionals, Intellectual Asset Management (IAM)* magazine's guide to leading private practice patent professionals and firms.

Brinks, one of the largest intellectual property law boutiques in the United States, placed in the Bronze Band in Michigan for patent firms, in the Silver Band in North Carolina and Utah for patent firms, and in the Silver Band in Illinois for patent litigation. The firm also is distinguished as Recommended in Illinois for patent prosecution and transactions.

The *IAM Patent 1000*, now in its fifth edition, quotes a source who says that Brinks “does a fantastic job in patent litigation.” The publication also praises Brinks’ patent prosecution practice, noting that it “performs flawlessly when it comes to the procurement of patents and adds tremendous value with its wider portfolio development and invention capture services.”

The *IAM Patent 1000* also recognized 12 individual Brinks attorneys who were identified by clients and peers for their exceptional skill sets and insights into patent matters.

In Ann Arbor, the publication cited managing shareholder Steven L. Oberholtzer for his ability to see client issues from all angles thanks to his past engineering and in-house experience in the automotive industry. Notes *IAM*, “[Oberholtzer’s] facility for IP asset management, strategic guidance, and patent litigation makes his advice even more worldly-wise.”

IAM also singled out Brinks president James R. Sobieraj, and his colleagues William H. Frankel, Ralph J. Gabric, Joseph F. Hetz, Laura Beth Miller, Mark H. Remus, Gary M. Ropski, and Andrew D. Stover in Chicago; Carl C. Charneski from Brinks’ Washington, D.C. office; from its Ann Arbor office; Allen R. Baum from its office in Research Triangle Park, N.C.; and Ryan L. Marshall from its Salt Lake City office.

The *IAM Patent 1000* seeks to identify and profile leading private practice patent professionals and firms in the world’s key jurisdictions. Individuals qualify for a listing when *IAM* researchers receive sufficient positive feedback from market sources with knowledge of the attorney’s practice and the market within which he or she operates. Firms qualify on the basis of their depth of experience, market presence, and the level of work on which they are typically engaged.

More information about the *IAM Patent 1000 2016* is at <http://www.iam-media.com/Patent1000/>.

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