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## Brinks Gilson & Lione shareholder reappointed to legal task force of the Sports & Fitness Industry Association

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**ANN ARBOR** – James Cleland, a shareholder in the Ann Arbor office of Brinks Gilson & Lione, one of the largest intellectual property law firms in the U.S., has been reappointed to the legal task force of the Sports & Fitness Industry Association ([SFIA](#)). He has served on the task force since 2011, when the association was known as the Sporting Goods Manufacturers Association. SFIA, based in Silver Spring, Maryland, is a trade association representing sports and fitness businesses and works to build healthier, more enjoyable lifestyles in America.

At Brinks, Cleland represents large multinational corporations, as well as small corporations and individual clients. He specializes in patent, trademark, copyright, trade secret and unfair competition litigation in a broad range of technologies including the chemical, materials science, mechanical and medical device arts, as well as in client counseling, opinion and licensing work in those same areas.

Cleland's litigation experience includes trials, preliminary injunction hearings, Markman hearings summary judgment proceedings and all aspects of fact and expert witness discovery, spanning federal courts across the country. His patent prosecution experience includes preparation of patent applications in the United States and foreign countries.

Learn more [here](#) about the Sports & Fitness Industry Association.

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