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## Brinks Announces Practice Group Chairpersons for 2014, Adds Post Grant Patent Review Group in Patent Practice

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**CHICAGO** -- Brinks Gilson & Lione, one of the nation's largest intellectual property law firms, has announced the 2014 chairpersons of its legal and industry practice groups and geographic task forces.

The firm added a new practice group for post grant patent review, specifically to counsel clients on patent litigation strategies under the provisions of the Leahy-Smith America Invents Act (AIA) enacted in 2011. Shareholders Kelly K. Burris and Marc V. Richards co-chair the new practice, which oversees the firm's proceedings before the United States Patent and Trademark Office, including post-grant and *inter partes* reviews, covered business method reviews, interferences, and *ex parte* reexaminations.

Other new appointees as practice chairpersons this year are shareholder Christopher M. Dolan, who will lead the trademark and unfair competition legal practice group, and Manish K. Mehta, who will co-chair the India Task Force. Brinks also reappointed 24 attorneys as chairs of existing firm-wide practice groups.

As part of its ongoing commitment to serving the IP needs of clients in established and rapidly developing global markets, Brinks continues to maintain task forces for Brazil, China, Germany, India, and Israel. The task forces advance the interests of clients in these countries on the strength of Brinks' attorneys' cultural familiarity, language skills, and relationships with top local IP attorneys in each.

Brinks' 2014 practice group and task-force chairpersons are:

### Legal Practice Groups

Appellate -- Jay H. Reiziss and Laura A. Lydigsen

Copyright -- William H. Frankel

Intellectual Asset Management -- Michael N. Spink

International Patent -- Michael E. Milz

International Trade Commission -- Laura Beth Miller and Carl C. Charneski

International Trademark -- Mary M. Squyres

Licensing -- Margaret A. Dobrowitsky

Litigation -- Ralph J. Gabric

Patent Prosecution -- Andrew D. Stover

Post Grant Patent Review -- Kelly K. Burris and Marc V. Richards

Trade Secret -- Robert S. Mallin

Trademark and Unfair Competition -- Christopher M. Dolan

### Industry Practice Groups

Biotechnology & Pharmaceuticals -- Jeffrey M. Nichols and William R. Boudreaux

Chemical, Energy & Agriculture -- Allen R. Baum and Craig Buschmann

Electrical & Computer -- John F. Nethery

Green Technology -- Kelly K. Burris  
Mechanical -- Eric J. Sosenko  
Medical Devices -- Bradley G. Lane  
Nanotechnology -- Lawrence G. Almeda

### **Task Forces**

Brazil -- Lawrence G. Almeda  
China -- Gustavo Siller, Jr.  
Germany -- Gary M. Ropski  
India -- Nicholas G. de la Torre and Manish K. Mehta  
Israel -- William H. Frankel

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