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## Brinks Gilson & Lione Praised for Technical Knowledge and Client Service in IAM Patent 1000

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**CHICAGO**—Brinks Gilson and Lione, one of the largest intellectual property law firms in the United States, has again achieved recognition in the *IAM Patent 1000 2015—The World's Leading Patent Professionals*, *Intellectual Asset Management* magazine's guide to leading private practice patent professionals and firms.

The *IAM Patent 1000* seeks to produce the definitive list of best-in-class patent prosecution, licensing, and litigation practitioners nationwide based on feedback it receives from clients and peers. Brinks' attorneys stood out in each of those areas. As one source explained, 'The depth of its technical knowledge and devotion to the client sets [Brinks] apart. Its lawyers also go the extra mile to learn about the business strategies and products of the companies they represent.'

Brinks' Washington office was recognized as "a key player" in a "crucial forum" for clients—the U.S. International Trade Commission, while the firm's Chicago office was recognized in the areas of litigation, prosecution and transactions. The firm's offices in Michigan, North Carolina, and Utah rounded out the list based on their patent expertise.

The publication also featured 12 individual Brinks attorneys on the basis of their exceptional skill sets and insights into patent matters, singling out Brinks president [James R. Sobieraj](#) for fostering a collaborative ethos at the firm, acknowledging patent prosecutor Andrew Stover for his "superb knowledge of patent law and practical approach to counseling," describing Steve Oberholtzer, managing partner of the firm's Ann Arbor, Mich. office, as a "creative problem-solver," and crediting litigator [Laura Beth Miller](#) with increasing Brinks' visibility and success at the ITC. *IAM* also named Chicago-based shareholders [William H. Frankel](#), [Ralph J. Gabric](#), [Joseph F. Hetz](#), and [Gary M. Ropski](#); [Carl C. Charneski](#) in Washington; [Kelly K. Burris](#) in Detroit; [Allen R. Baum](#) in Research Triangle Park, N.C.; and [Ryan L. Marshall](#) in Salt Lake City.

More information about the *IAM Patent 1000 2015* is at <http://www.iam-media.com/patent1000/>.

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