

## **Directors Monica Riva Talley and Tracy-Gene G. Durkin Recognized Among the World's Leading Trademark Lawyers**

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** (February 20, 2018) – Sterne, Kessler, Goldstein & Fox is pleased to announce that [Monica Riva Talley](#) and [Tracy-Gene G. Durkin](#) were named among “The World's Leading Trademark Professionals” by *World Trademark Review 1000 (WTR)* 2018. This marks the seventh consecutive year Talley has been recognized by the publication, and it is the fifth consecutive year for Durkin.

The *WTR 1000* reports that Talley, head of the firm's Trademark, Advertising, and Anti-Counterfeiting Practice, is “knowledgeable, trustworthy and efficient,” and that she “knows what good client service means.” Further, the editor's note, Talley's “excellent work spans the gamut” and she “understands how to cut to the important issues at hand, rather than dwelling on less salient aspects of the problem.” Durkin, who heads the firm's Mechanical and Design Patent Group, is lauded for operating “at the vanguard of design patent law” and having “an affinity for matters at the intersection of trademarks, trade dress and design protection.”

The firm's Trademark Practice was also recognized in both the “prosecution and strategy” and “enforcement and litigation” rankings. *WTR* acknowledged the firm's trademark practice as having a “universal branding outlook” that enables “blanket coverage of all trademark matters and a flexible, solution-oriented approach.” Additionally, the editor's research revealed that the practice's lawyers are “always to the point and very fast. Easygoing and accessible, they are also simply nice people to work with.”

To view the full rankings and the firm's profile, please [click here](#).

### **About WTR 1000**

The international guide is dedicated to identifying the firms and individuals that are deemed outstanding in the trademark field. Their extensive research process is conducted by a team of full-time legal and business industry analysts. Research is also conducted face-to-face, through telephone interviews, and correspondence, as well as written submissions from firms.

### **About Sterne Kessler**

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