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STERNE, KESSLER, GOLDSTEIN & FOX ANNOUNCES ELECTION OF FOUR NEW DIRECTORS

WASHINGTON, DC – [Sterne, Kessler, Goldstein & Fox P.L.L.C.](#), an intellectual property law firm based in Washington, DC, recently announced the election of four new directors – [Paul A. Ainsworth](#), [Salvador M. Bezos](#), [Carla Ji-Eun Kim](#), and [Lei Zhou](#)– effective January 1, 2014.

- [Paul A. Ainsworth](#) is a director in the Litigation Practice Group. He represents clients in litigation in a diverse range of technologies and has extensive experience representing pharmaceutical industry clients in litigation originating under the Hatch-Waxman Act. He began his career as a law clerk for the Honorable Sue L. Robinson, United States District Judge for the District of Delaware. Mr. Ainsworth has also represented several major civil rights organizations during his career, being named one of the “best LGBT Lawyers under 40” by the National LGBT Bar Association in 2011. He holds his J.D. from the College of William and Mary, as well as a B.A. in Political Science from The George Washington University.
- [Salvador M. Bezos](#) is a director in the Electronics Practice Group. He prepares and prosecutes patent applications before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, and has an extensive technical knowledge of computer graphics, networking, databases, and complex computer architectures. Mr. Bezos also works in the firm's patent office litigation practice and has extensive experience handling both *inter partes* review and *ex partes* reexamination for patent holders and third party requesters. Before his legal career, Mr. Bezos was a software engineer, working on the design and implementation of tactical displays for use on United States Navy submarines. He is an Adjunct Professor at George Mason University School of Law, and serves as the chair of the Technology and Engineering Education Advisory Board for Fairfax County Public Schools. Mr. Bezos obtained his J.D. from George

Mason University on the Intellectual Property Specialty Track, and also holds an M.S. in Electrical and Computer Engineering from Georgia Institute of Technology and a B.S. in Computer Engineering from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

- [Carla Ji-Eun Kim](#) is a director in the Biotechnology/Chemical Practice Group. She focuses on preparing and prosecuting U.S. and foreign patents in the areas of biotechnology, pharmacology and cellular and molecular biology, and also prepares patentability, infringement and validity opinions for the firm. Ms. Kim received her J.D *cum laude* and an M.S. in Pharmacology from the University of Minnesota, along with an M.S. in Cell and Molecular Biology from the University of Pennsylvania and a B.A. in Biology from the University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point, where she graduated *magna cum laude*. Her graduate research focused on molecular genetic mechanisms of DNA repair in mammalian cancer cells and developing an anti-angiogenetic approach to cancer therapy and treatment.
- [Lei Zhou](#) is a director in the firm's Biotechnology/Chemical Practice Group. She focuses on chemical and pharmaceutical issues, and has extensive experience in offering validity, infringement and freedom-to-operate opinions. She has also performed intellectual property due diligence investigations and has experience with pharmaceutical patent litigation under the Hatch-Waxman act. Before beginning her career with Sterne Kessler, Ms. Zhou was a senior research chemist and engineer and was the primary inventor of two patents. She holds a J.D. from the University of Akron, where she graduated *magna cum laude*, an M.S. in Polymer Chemistry from Wichita State University, another M.S. in Polymer Science from East China University of Chemical Technology, and a B.S. in Plastic Engineering from Nanjing University of Chemical Technology.

Sterne, Kessler, Goldstein & Fox P.L.L.C. - Strategists and Advisors focused on the protection, transfer and enforcement of Intellectual Property Rights. Founded in 1978 and based in Washington, DC, the firm has over 160 patent attorneys, agents and technical specialists representing a broad range of entities including emerging and established companies, venture capital firms, universities and select individuals.

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