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**STERNE KESSLER DIRECTORS NAMED TO  
INTELLECTUAL ASSET MANAGEMENT'S 2015 "IAM 1000"**

***Firm Recognized for Excellence in Patent Prosecution, Patent Litigation and IP Transactions***

WASHINGTON, DC – [Sterne, Kessler, Goldstein & Fox P.L.L.C.](#) is pleased to announce that *Intellectual Asset Management* has, for the fourth consecutive year, named the firm to the *IAM 1000 – The World's Leading Patent Professionals*. The annual guide recognizes leading private practice patent professionals in varying practice areas and regions around the world.

Sterne Kessler has been ranked among top firms for patent prosecution, litigation and licensing in the Washington, DC metro area, and nationally for patent prosecution. *IAM* editors note that the firm "is famed for its prosecution, post-grant and transactional work," and "outstanding contentious capability that has been built up to stellar levels in the past five years."

Accompanying the firm's rankings, thirteen firm directors were honored by *IAM* for their notable individual expertise and achievements:

- H. Keeto Sabharwal, leader of the firm's contentious practice, was recognized for his handling of the first *inter partes* review filed in a Hatch-Waxman case for Apotex Pharmaceuticals and his work against MPHJ Technology Investments for Xerox and Ricoh Company. Mr. Sabharwal has gained regional recognition in litigation.
- Eldora Ellison garnered praise for her "aggressive but always well-reasoned positions," her "extensive interference background" and her understanding of *inter partes* reviews in the life science and technology fields. Ms. Ellison received national recognition for her work in post-grant procedures and regional attention in litigation.
- Tracy Durkin was uniquely characterized by the editors who noted, "without a doubt [Durkin is] the country's leading authority on design patents." She received recognition nationally in design patents and regionally in litigation.
- Daniel Yonan was distinguished as "the man about the ITC" and a "young dynamo." Mr. Yonan receive national notoriety for his work before the International Trade Commission and regional recognition in litigation.
- Lori Gordon comes "highly recommended" from *IAM* for her work in America Invents Act contested proceedings. Ms. Gordon was noted nationally for her work in post-grant

procedures and regionally for her litigation practice.

- Mark Fox Evens was heralded by *IAM* as "incredibly smart and persuasive," and received regional recognition for his work in litigation.
- Robert Sokohl received regional recognition in litigation, prosecution and transactions. Mr. Sokohl was distinguished as "a coveted strategic advisor."
- Robert Greene Sterne "stands out as a major advocate for patent owners," writes *IAM*. The Sterne Kessler founding director was noted nationally for his work in post-grant procedures and gained regional recognition in litigation and transactions.
- Jorge Goldstein, a founding director of the firm, was noted as "a thought leader in the biotechnology area," and received regional recognition for his prosecution and transaction practices.
- Eric Steffe earned endorsements "for his tactic product launch advise, post-issuance know-how and portfolio management skill." Mr. Steffe was recognized regionally in prosecution.
- Donald Featherstone's patent prosecution practice received regional recognition and garnered praise as someone who "turns out first class work."
- Michael Q. Lee garnered regional recognition in prosecution and transaction. *IAM* writes of Mr. Lee that "he can craft better, more complete IP strategies – he can see all the landmines and knows how to avoid them."
- Michael Ray, the firm's managing director, is lauded for his "rock solid foundation in prosecution," and he was recognized regionally for his work in prosecution and transactions.

*IAM* reports that it compiles their annual guide over a five-month period, conducting in excess of 1,500 interviews with private practice attorneys and in-house counsel to identify leading practitioners and firms. *IAM*, through its extensive research process, strives to produce the definitive list of the world's leading patent experts.

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