

PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

January 16, 2014

CONTACT PERSON:

Erin West, Communications Manager 202-772-8878 (O) 202-246-2592 (C)

Fax: 202-371-2540

Email: ewest@skgf.com

STERNE, KESSLER, GOLDSTEIN & FOX PROMOTES BRANDES TO OF COUNSEL

WASHINGTON, DC – <u>Sterne, Kessler, Goldstein & Fox P.L.L.C.</u>, an intellectual property law firm in Washington, DC, announced the promotion of <u>Lori Brandes</u>, Ph.D., to Of Counsel. Dr. Brandes was formerly an associate at the firm.

Dr. Brandes is a member of the firm's Biotechnology/Chemical Group. Her practice focuses on counseling domestic and international clients on the preparation, prosecution, and management of complex worldwide patent portfolios. She is also experienced in technology transfer, invalidity, noninfringement, freedom-to-operate and patentability opinions, and due diligence investigations. Specifically, she works with clients to obtain and enforce patents in areas such as biotechnology, immunology, biofuels, pharmaceutical formulations, and food science. Dr. Brandes has also been involved in U.S. patent interference and litigation matters, as well as foreign oppositions.

Dr. Brandes earned her B.A. in Biochemistry and Molecular, Cellular and Developmental Biology from University of Colorado, her Ph.D. in Pharmacology from The George Washington University and her J.D. from University of Maryland.

<u>Sterne, Kessler, Goldstein & Fox P.L.L.C.</u> is one of the largest Washington, DC-based law firms specializing in the protection, transfer and enforcement of intellectual property rights. Sterne Kessler's 160 patent attorneys, agents and technical specialists represent a broad range of entities, including emerging and established companies, venture capital firms, universities and select individuals.

###