

Sterne Kessler Named "PTAB Firm of the Year" by *Managing IP* for Third Time

Washington D.C. (March 26, 2020) – Sterne Kessler is pleased to announce that the firm has been named "2020 PTAB Firm of the Year" by *Managing Intellectual Property (MIP) magazine*. This year marks the third time that Sterne Kessler has earned this recognition since the award was established in 2014. The award recognizes Sterne Kessler's superior work representing both petitioners and patent owners before the Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB) at the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) and further established the firm's supremacy in the post-America Invents Act era on matters involving *inter partes* review, post grant review, derivation, and covered business method proceedings.

Recognizing further for excellence in the full scope of IP legal services, Sterne Kessler and one of the firm's standout directors were shortlisted among top firms and individuals for the *Managing IP* Americas Awards in four additional categories:

- Patent Prosecution (National)
- Patent Prosecution: Northeast US (Regional)
- Specialty Firm (National)
- Outstanding Litigator: PTAB Eldora L. Ellison, Ph.D.

Rankings are determined based on information from thousands of firms, IP practitioners, and their clients through interviews, email, and online surveys. Before compiling the shortlists, researchers evaluated the work data supplied by firms and, where applicable, reviewed publicly-available information such as court and IP office records. The full list of Americas Awards winners is available from *Managing IP* here.

Sterne Kessler, long respected for thought leadership in the IP space, including topics related to the PTAB, recently published two reports: <u>2019 PTAB Year in Review: Analysis & Trends</u> and <u>Federal Circuit Appeals From The PTAB: Summaries of Key 2019 Decisions</u>. Read more about both reports <u>here</u>. The firm's monthly newsletter, "PTAB Strategies and Insights" is available <u>here</u>.

About Sterne Kessler

Based in Washington, D.C. and renowned for more than four decades for dedication to the protection, transfer, and enforcement of intellectual property rights, Sterne Kessler is one of the most highly regarded intellectual property specialty law firms in the world. Its team of attorneys, registered patent agents, students, and technical specialists include some of the country's most respected practitioners of IP law tackling innovations across a broad spectrum of industries. The firm's practitioners hold over 50 masters and over 50 doctorate degrees in science or engineering and represent Fortune 500 companies, entrepreneurs, start-ups, inventors, venture capital firms, and universities in a client service driven environment that is welcoming, inclusive, and intellectually stimulating. Visit the firm online at sternekessler.com.

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