

## Director Monica Riva Talley Earns Lexology Client Choice Award for Excellence in Client Service

**Washington, D.C.** (October 18, 2021) – Sterne, Kessler, Goldstein & Fox congratulates Director [Monica Riva Talley](#) for receiving a 2021 Lexology Client Choice Award. Talley is the only award recipient in the Intellectual Property: Trademarks category within the District of Columbia.

Talley was recognized for the excellent client service she provides and the quality of her work, highlighted by exceptional client feedback, including the following anonymous quotes from in-house counsels:

- “Monica is a skilled and strategic trademark attorney known for crafting business-oriented solutions to her client’s trickiest intellectual property issues.”
- “Monica has assembled a competent and warm team of professionals, which makes working with Sterne Kessler a pleasure, and I appreciate the fact that she has built up a strong team of women and supported them in their careers.”
- “Monica is separated from her peers by her ability to listen carefully to her clients, understand their concerns, and calibrate her recommendations and work product appropriately.”
- “Monica is an expert at striking the right tone for resolving disputes and enforcement matters, both tirelessly defending our brands against bad actors, while preserving the reputation and relationships of the business in the marketplace.”

The criteria for this recognition focuses on an ability of attorneys in private practice to add significant value to clients’ business above and beyond the other players in the market. Lexology solicits information from their subscriber database, in-house counsel, client nominee referees, and others to conduct their research. Additionally, the in-house counsel that are surveyed rate lawyers and law firms on quality of legal advice, commercial awareness, industry knowledge, strategic thinking, billing transparency, tailored fee structures, value for money, responsiveness, effective communication, clarity of documentation, sharing of expertise, appropriate staffing, project management, use of technology, loyalty, and ethics.

After an extensive research process, recipients are awarded in a variety of practice areas and jurisdictions. View the complete list of the 2021 Lexology Client Choice Award recipients and methodology [here](#). View Talley’s Featured Expert profile on the Lexology website [here](#).

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