

## **WTR 1000 Heralds Eminent Status of Sterne Kessler Directors and Firm's Trademark & Brand Protection Practice**

**Washington D.C.** (February 18, 2021) – Sterne, Kessler, Goldstein & Fox is pleased to announce the continued recognition of directors [Monica Riva Talley](#) and [Tracy-Gene G. Durkin](#) in the 2021 edition of *World Trademark Review 1000: The World's Leading Trademark Professionals*. This is the tenth consecutive year Talley has earned top-tier rankings by the publication, and the eighth consecutive year for Durkin.

The report holds that Talley, leader of the firm's Trademark & Brand Protection practice, "is a delight to connect with – a knowledgeable, practical, thorough and responsive professional, who knows how to keep a portfolio strong and product copies to a minimum." The editors also identify Nasdaq, Richardson International, Extreme Networks, and Cirque du Soleil as Talley's clients, "whose rights and goodwill she protects to the hilt." Durkin is highlighted by *WTR 1000* for her "cross-functional skills" and is described as a "design patent, utility patent and trademark authority." Both directors are celebrated as "excellent mentors and educators."

Regarding "future leaders," the *WTR* editors give a nod to "former USPTO examiner [Lauriel Dalier](#) and adroit enforcer [Dana Justus](#)" noting they are "both good contacts for the address book."

In the law firm profiles, *WTR 1000* deems Sterne Kessler an "eminent boutique" and emphasizes that, "Sterne Kessler keeps the focus on business enablement and is adept at leveraging different types of intellectual property to advance effective, multi-layered strategies for clients." The firm is included in both the "enforcement and litigation" and "prosecution and strategy" categories.

To view the full *WTR 1000* rankings and the firm's profile, please click [here](#).

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