

Sterne Kessler 100% Operational -- Seamless Services for Our Clients

Washington D.C. (March 16, 2020) – As the global situation with COVID-19 continues to unfold, Sterne Kessler has announced that the firm is 100% operational to serve clients' intellectual property needs.

Specifically, on Monday, March 16, the firm transitioned to work-from-home virtual environment. Sterne Kessler's physical office in Washington, DC remains the nucleus of the firm's business, with a small, essential crew physically present there to handle tasks such as mail processing and to provide onsite backup for support functions. All other attorneys and staff are working remotely, utilizing teleconferencing and other connectivity tools to continue business as usual via a state-of-the-art, cyber-resilient IT infrastructure that supports a flexible and agile work environment enabling the firm to seamlessly serve clients from anywhere.

Trial & Appeal Work

Our Trial and Appeal Group continues to handle all court and U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) filings. In addition, while many hearings and trials are being postponed, the firm's attorneys are conducting some depositions via video.

Patent and Trademark Prosecution

Our patent and trademark prosecution practices continue to be able to handle all filings (whether done electronically or via hand-carry) at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, including International Applications under the Patent Cooperation Treaty. Further, the firm remains in communication with a long-standing network of associates around the world to serve the filing needs of clients outside of the U.S.

At Your Service

After rigorous preparation and a successful firm-wide rollout of our remote-based operations, all work is proceeding smoothly. Sterne Kessler is open for business at 100% capacity and functionality, and the firm is 100% ready to meet the intellectual property needs of existing and new clients.

Questions related to the firm's capabilities and operational readiness may be addressed by contacting the firm <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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