

Sterne Kessler Hosts Virtual *Pro Bono* Clinic for Small Businesses

Washington D.C. (April 16, 2020) – In partnership with the [D.C. Bar Pro Bono Center](#), Sterne, Kessler, Goldstein & Fox hosted a free law clinic for D.C. small businesses in need of intellectual property assistance. This event, which has been held in-person at the firm offices for the past several years, was conducted virtually using video, phone, and live chat collaboration tools today. With small businesses and nonprofits being hit particularly hard by the COVID-19 crisis, this clinic gave local organizations the opportunity to receive legal advice at no cost to protect their intellectual property. For some of these organizations, their patents, trademarks, and/or trade secrets may be the only asset they have left after this pandemic runs its course.

Over 30 legal professionals from Sterne Kessler, led by Counsel [Kristina Caggiano Kelly](#), provided their expertise in the two-hour long event. The program included an overview of intellectual property law followed by breakout sessions with individual clients who had questions in different areas, such as patents, trademarks, copyrights, and licensing agreements. High demand for event registration resulted in a wait list, with representatives from over a dozen organizations participating.

To read more about Sterne Kessler's award-winning *pro bono* practice, please click [here](#).

About D.C. Bar Pro Bono Center

The D.C. Bar Pro Bono Center is an independent, nonprofit organization supported entirely by voluntary contributions. The Pro Bono Center recruits, trains, and mobilizes volunteer attorneys to take pro bono cases serving individuals living in poverty who are at risk of losing their homes, their livelihoods, and their families. The center also helps small businesses and community-based nonprofits needing legal assistance. Last year, the Pro Bono Center touched the lives of more than 20,000 D.C. residents.

About Sterne, Kessler, Goldstein & Fox

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, Goldstein & Fox 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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