

Sterne Kessler and 14 Directors Earn Top Rankings in *Managing IP's* 2023 “IP Stars” Guide

Washington, D.C. (July 6, 2023) – Sterne, Kessler, Goldstein & Fox is pleased to announce that *Managing IP* has ranked the firm and 14 directors among the best IP firms and practitioners in their 2023 “IP Stars” guide. These rankings come on the heels of *Managing IP* naming Director [Eldora L. Ellison](#) to their 2023 “Top 250 Women in IP” list, which was [announced](#) earlier this year.

The latest edition of the “IP Stars” guide has recognized the firm in its national ranking categories. Specifically, Sterne Kessler is in “Tier 1” for Patent Prosecution and PTAB Litigation, “Tier 2” in Life Sciences IP, and “Tier 3” in ITC Litigation. In the District of Columbia jurisdiction, which uses a different scale, Sterne Kessler earned top rankings with “Highly Recommended” in Patent Prosecution and Patent Disputes and “Recommended” in Trademark Prosecution categories.

The editors commented, “Sterne Kessler Goldstein & Fox offers a deep bench of attorneys versed in all areas,” and added, “the firm is particularly known for its active post-grant proceedings practice.” Finally, the editors remarked, “[t]he firm is highly recommended for their practice in patent prosecution and litigation and is also recommended for their work in trademark prosecution matters.”

For the “IP Stars” individual rankings, the editors state they are “very selective” and recognize “very experienced senior IP practitioner[s]” to be included on the list. Sterne Kessler’s 2023 firm and 14 individual “IP Stars” rankings include:

National Rankings:

- Patent Prosecution (Tier 1)
- PTAB Litigation (Tier 1)
- Life Sciences IP (Tier 2)
- ITC Litigation (Tier 3)

District of Columbia Rankings:

- Patent Prosecution (Highly Recommended)
- Patent Disputes (Highly Recommended)
- Trademark Prosecution (Recommended)

Patent Stars:

- [Tracy-Gene G. Durkin](#), director and chair of the Mechanical & Design Practice Group
- [Eldora L. Ellison, Ph.D.](#), director in the Biotechnology & Chemical and Trial & Appellate Practice Groups and co-chair of the PTAB Trials Practice
- [Jorge A. Goldstein, Ph.D.](#), director in the Biotechnology & Chemical Practice Group

- [Michael Joffre, Ph.D.](#), director in the Trial & Appellate Practice Group and co-chair of the Appellate Practice
- [Carla Ji-Eun Kim](#), director in the Biotechnology & Chemical Practice Group and chair of the Patent Prosecution Practice
- [Michael Q. Lee](#), director in the Electronics Practice Group
- [Michael B. Ray](#), managing director of Sterne Kessler and member of the Electronics Practice Group
- [J.C. Rozendaal](#), director and chair of Sterne Kessler's Trial & Appellate Practice Group
- [Eric K. Steffe](#), director in the Biotechnology & Chemical Practice Group
- [Deborah Sterling, Ph.D.](#), director and chair of the Biotechnology & Chemical Practice Group
- [Robert Greene Sterne](#), director in the Electronics Practice Group and co-chair of the PTAB Trials Practice
- [Jon E. Wright](#), director in the Trial & Appellate and Electronics Practice Groups and co-chair of the PTAB Trials Practice
- [Daniel E. Yonan](#), director in the Trial & Appellate Practice Group and chair of the US ITC Practice Group

Trademark Star:

- [Monica Riva Talley](#), director and chair of the Trademark & Brand Protection Practice

About “IP Stars”

Research for *Managing IP's* annual "IP Stars" list covers contentious and non-contentious IP work and is carried out over a six-month period by an experienced team of research analysts and journalists who interview IP practitioners and their clients and assess information gathered through a comprehensive online survey. The results are based on a weighted system of peer and client feedback, combined with submissions analysis and independent research. The full "IP Stars" rankings are available [here](#).

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 60 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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