

Director Lestin Kenton Recognized With 2023 *Profiles in Diversity Journal*® Award

Washington, D.C. (January 4, 2024) – Sterne, Kessler, Goldstein & Fox is pleased to announce that Director [Lestin L. Kenton, Jr.](#) has been recognized by *Profiles in Diversity Journal*® in the most recently published Black Leadership Awards. The award celebrates the outstanding achievements of 45 black professional leaders who have excelled in their chosen fields.

A director in Sterne Kessler’s Electronics Practice Group, Lestin is noted for his leadership at the firm overall and in particular for the contributions he makes to supporting the professional development of peers and up and coming lawyers. Specifically, Lestin has led the firm’s Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB) Roundtables since 2014. The in-house program is focused on training attorneys at all levels about updated laws, policies, procedures, and recent decisions at the agency. He has been an adjunct professor at George Mason University Antonin Scalia Law School since August 2021, where he teaches PTO litigation. Additionally, Lestin has served as an advisor to associates participating in the PTAB’s Legal Experience and Advancement Program (LEAP), which provides associates with training and development opportunities in PTAB proceedings, including delivering oral arguments.

Lestin’s Black Leadership Award profile features a personal essay on the significance of mentorship and why he has chosen to dedicate a part of his career to giving back through mentorship. Lestin shares “I do not exaggerate when I say that a major ingredient to my success has been mentorship, and it comes in a variety of forms. Professors, supervisors, peers, friends, family, and colleagues have all served as mentors in direct and indirect ways at different times of my life.” Read Lestin’s complete profile in the *Profiles in Diversity Journal*® Q4 2023 digital issue [here](#).

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