

## **Eighteen Sterne Kessler Attorneys Recognized as 2024 “Super Lawyers” and “Rising Stars”**

**Washington, D.C.** (April 25, 2024) – Sterne, Kessler, Goldstein & Fox is pleased to announce that *Super Lawyers* has recognized 13 of the firm’s attorneys as “Super Lawyers” and five as “Rising Stars” in the “Intellectual Property” and “Intellectual Property Litigation” categories for Washington, DC in the 2024 annual rankings.

As in prior years, “Super Lawyers” and “Rising Stars” are selected from more than 70 practice areas at firms of all sizes across the United States. Attorneys are identified through peer nominations and evaluations in addition to third party research. The selection process for each is identical, though “Rising Stars” candidates must be either 40 years of age or younger, or in practice for 10 years or less.

Sterne Kessler’s 2024 “Super Lawyers” include:

- [Kristina Caggiano Kelly](#), Intellectual Property Litigation
- [Richard D. Collier III](#), Intellectual Property
- [Tracy-Gene G. Durkin](#), Intellectual Property
- [Eldora L. Ellison, Ph.D.](#), Intellectual Property
- [Jorge A. Goldstein, Ph.D.](#), Intellectual Property
- [Michael Joffre, Ph.D.](#), Intellectual Property Litigation
- [Byron L. Pickard](#), Intellectual Property Litigation
- [John Christopher “J.C.” Rozendaal](#), Intellectual Property Litigation
- [Deborah Sterling, Ph.D.](#), Intellectual Property
- [Robert Greene Sterne](#), Intellectual Property
- [Monica Riva Talley](#), Intellectual Property
- [Dennies Varughese, Pharm.D.](#), Intellectual Property Litigation
- [Daniel E. Yonan](#), Intellectual Property

Sterne Kessler’s 2024 “Rising Stars” include:

- [Alex Alfano](#), Intellectual Property Litigation
- [John D. Higgins](#), Intellectual Property Litigation
- [Robert E. Niemeier](#), Intellectual Property Litigation
- [Steven M. Pappas](#), Intellectual Property
- [Lauren A. Watt](#), Intellectual Property

The complete list of this year’s Super Lawyers honorees is available on the Super Lawyers [website](#).

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selected include those with many years of experience, as well as the Rising Stars of the profession.

### **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 master's 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](http://sternekessler.com)

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