

Sterne Kessler Directors Recognized Among the World's Leading IP Practitioners

Washington, D.C. (February 20, 2018) – Sterne, Kessler, Goldstein & Fox is pleased to announce that four of its directors were ranked among the “leading IP practitioners in the world” by the *World Intellectual Property Review* (WIPR) in their annual “WIPR Leaders” publication.

The following directors have been named 2018 “WIPR Leaders”:

[Tracy-Gene G. Durkin](#), leader of the Mechanical & Design Patent Group, was recognized as being “sought by leading consumer product companies, and by colleagues around the world for her deep understanding of design rights and trademarks.”

[Eldora Ellison, Ph.D.](#), co-chair of the firm’s Patent Office Litigation Practice, was highlighted for her deep experience in representing clients in over 60 *inter partes* review proceedings, more than 15 patent interferences, and in various patent reexaminations and district court litigations.

[Robert Greene Sterne](#), a founding director of Sterne Kessler, was recognized for his global patent protection and enforcement practices. In addition, he is noted for his US Supreme Court experience and position as editor-in-chief of the two-volume handbook, “Patent Office Litigation.”

[Monica Riva Talley](#), leader of the Trademark & Brand Protection Practice, was noted for her “more than 20 years’ experience” in counseling, development of anti-counterfeiting solutions, and trademark enforcement. In addition, she has “overseen several cancellation proceedings before the US Patent and Trademark Office.”

The “WIPR Leaders” is a guide dedicated to identifying the world’s leading lawyers in both the patent and trademarks areas. This annual roster is based on nominations from 12,000 IP professionals, in conjunction with information gathered from an extensive research process. The WIPR research team reviewed every nominated lawyer for suitability by exploring their work, including practice history, industry expertise, notable cases and additional writing and teaching responsibilities.

To view the full “2018 WIPR Leaders” directory, including individual profiles, please click [here](#).

About Sterne Kessler

Founded in 1978 and based in Washington, DC, Sterne Kessler is dedicated exclusively to the protection, transfer, and enforcement of intellectual property rights. Our team of attorneys, registered patent agents, students, and technical specialists include some of the country's most respected practitioners of intellectual property law. Most of our professionals hold an advanced level degree, including nearly 50 masters degrees and 50+ with a doctorate in science or engineering -- credentials wide and deep enough to fill the faculty of a science-oriented university.