

Sterne Kessler Distinguished Among *Law360*'s "Best Firms for Minority Attorneys"

Washington D.C. (July 8, 2019) – Sterne, Kessler, Goldstein & Fox is proud to be recognized among *Law360*'s "Best Firms for Minority Attorneys" in 2019. Based on a survey of over 300 United States law firms, Sterne Kessler ranked among the top 10 firms in the "50-149 attorneys" category.

According to *Law360*'s fifth annual "[Diversity Snapshot](#)," just over 16 percent of attorneys and about nine percent of partners at surveyed law firms are minorities. Sterne Kessler, ranked at nine in its category of the *Law360* rankings, however, is comprised of 24.6 percent minority attorneys, with 22.6 percent of partners and 16.1 percent of equity partners identifying as minorities. 25.6 percent of the firm's non-partner attorneys are minorities.

Sterne Kessler has established and maintained a strong reputation as a diverse and inclusive law firm. For a decade, the firm has been consistently voted as a "great place to work" by both attorneys and staff. This is reflected in Sterne Kessler's status as a *Washington Post* "[Top Workplace](#)" for the sixth consecutive year in 2019 and by the firm earning 10 placements in *The Washington Business Journal*'s "[Best Places to Work](#)" list in the past 12 years. In this year's "Top Workplaces" special edition, *The Post* editors report, "At Sterne, Kessler, Goldstein & Fox...38 percent of the firm's directors are women or people of color, and technical expertise has always been a primary way people are assigned to jobs."

For the "Diversity Snapshot," *Law360* surveyed more than 300 U.S. firms, or firms with a U.S. component, about their overall and minority headcount numbers as of December 31, 2018. Only U.S.-based attorneys were included in the survey, and firms had to have at least 20 U.S.-based attorneys to participate. The top firms in each size category boast diversity levels of at least 22 percent of all attorneys at the firm and more diverse non-partner ranks, developing workforces that at least are beginning to reflect the diversity of U.S. law schools.

More About *Law360* Rankings

Law360 grouped firms based on their U.S. attorney head count in order to evaluate their diversity as compared with similarly sized peer firms. Any firm that had a below average minority representation at any level was excluded from the ranking. The remaining firms were ranked according to the percentage of minority attorneys at the nonpartner and partner level. Firms were required to disclose the diversity of their equity partnerships in order to be eligible for the ranking. The complete list of *Law360*'s "Best Firms for Minority Attorneys" is available [here](#).

About Sterne Kessler

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 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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