

Sterne, Kessler, Goldstein & Fox and 15 Directors Earn Top Rankings in *IAM Patent 1000*

Washington D.C. (June 16, 2020) – Sterne, Kessler, Goldstein & Fox is proud to be recognized in the new edition of *IAM Patent 1000: The World's Leading Patent Professionals*. For the ninth consecutive year, Sterne Kessler is ranked as “highly recommended” in the categories of transactions and prosecution for the Washington, D.C. Metro Area. The firm is also ranked nationally for prosecution and in the Washington, D.C. Metro Area for litigation.

The *IAM Patent 1000* editors praise Sterne Kessler’s “magnificent” patent practice, noting that “the eminent DC boutique is steeped in the art of prosecution, a ‘market leader in post-grant proceedings’ and a force to be reckoned with in hardcore district court, ITC and Federal Circuit patent litigation.” They also highlight recent victories helmed by ranked directors for clients such as Teva, Feit Electric, and the University of California Regents (specific to CRISPR technology).

In addition to the firm’s rankings, 15 Sterne Kessler directors have been named by the *IAM Patent 1000* research team to be among the most distinguished IP attorneys in the Washington, D.C. Metro Area. Of those 15 directors, four have also been distinguished for excellence on the *IAM Patent 1000*’s “United States: National” list.

The 15 firm directors recognized by *IAM* in the Washington, D.C. Metro Area and national rankings include:

- [Richard D. Coller III](#) (DC Recommended – prosecution)
- [Tracy-Gene G. Durkin](#) (DC Highly Recommended - prosecution, Silver Band – litigation; **National**: Recommended – design patents)
- [Eldora L. Ellison, Ph.D.](#) (DC Silver Band – litigation; **National**: Highly recommended – post-grant proceedings)
- [Donald J. Featherstone](#) (DC Recommended – prosecution)
- [Jorge A. Goldstein, Ph.D.](#) (DC Highly Recommended – prosecution, Recommended – transactions)
- [Michael Joffre, Ph.D.](#) (DC Bronze Band – litigation)
- [Michael Q. Lee](#) (DC Highly Recommended – prosecution, Recommended – transactions)
- [Michael B. Ray](#) (DC Recommended – transactions)
- [John Christopher “J.C.” Rozendaal](#) (DC Silver Band – litigation)
- [Robert E. Sokohl](#) (DC Bronze Band – litigation, Recommended – transactions, Recommended – prosecution)
- [Eric K. Steffe](#) (DC Recommended – prosecution)
- [Robert Greene Sterne](#) (DC Silver Band – litigation, Recommended – transactions; **National**: Recommended – post-grant proceedings)

- [Dennies Varughese, Pharm.D.](#) (DC Bronze Band – litigation)
- [Jon E. Wright](#) (DC Silver Band – litigation)
- [Daniel E. Yonan](#) (DC Silver Band – litigation; **National**: Recommended – ITC)

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