

## **Sterne Kessler and 13 Directors Earn Top Rankings for IP Litigation and Prosecution in 2021 "IP Stars" Guide**

**Washington, D.C.** (June 17, 2021) – Sterne, Kessler, Goldstein & Fox is proud to announce that *Managing IP* has again ranked the firm and 13 directors among the best intellectual property firms and practitioners worldwide in its 2021 edition of the "IP Stars" guide. This marks the eighth consecutive year the firm has been ranked by the publication for its achievements in intellectual property law.

Sterne Kessler ranked nationally in "Tier 1" for patent prosecution and PTAB litigation work and received a "highly recommended" distinction in the District of Columbia for patent contentious and prosecution efforts. The firm's Trademark and Brand Protection practice earned "recommended" status. The publication editors remark that individuals ranked as "IP Stars" are "highly regarded by their peers and/or clients" and are "integral to their firm's success or reputation."

Sterne Kessler's 2021 firm and individual "IP Stars" rankings include:

### **National Rankings:**

- Patent Prosecution – Tier 1
- PTAB Litigation – Tier 1
- Life Sciences – Tier 2

### **District of Columbia Rankings:**

- Patent Contentious – Highly Recommended
- Patent Prosecution – Highly Recommended
- Trademark Prosecution – Recommended

### **Patent Stars:**

- [Tracy-Gene G. Durkin](#), chair of the Mechanical & Design Practice Group
- [Eldora L. Ellison, Ph.D.](#), director in the Biotechnology & Chemical and Trial & Appellate Practice Groups and co-chair of the Patent Office Litigation Practice
- [Jorge A. Goldstein, Ph.D.](#), director in the Biotechnology & Chemical Practice Group
- [Michael Joffre, Ph.D.](#), director in the Trial & Appellate Practice Group
- [Michael Q. Lee](#), director in the Electronics Practice Group
- [Michael B. Ray](#), managing director of Sterne Kessler and member of the Electronics Practice Group
- [John Christopher "J.C." Rozendaal](#), chair of the Trial & Appellate Practice Group
- [Eric K. Steffe](#), director in the Biotechnology & Chemical Practice Group
- [Deborah Sterling, Ph.D.](#), chair of the Biotechnology & Chemical Practice Group
- [Robert Greene Sterne](#), director in the Electronics Practice Group and co-chair of the Patent Office Litigation Practice
- [Jon E. Wright](#), director in the Trial & Appellate and Electronics Practice Groups
- [Daniel E. Yonan](#), director in the Trial & Appellate Practice Group

### **Trademark Star:**

- [Monica Riva Talley](#), chair of the Trademark & Brand Protection Practice

**About “IP Stars”**

Research for *Managing IP*'s annual "IP Stars" list covers contentious and non-contentious IP work and is carried out over a six-month period by an experienced team of research analysts and journalists who interview IP practitioners and their clients and assess information gathered through a comprehensive online survey. The results are based on a weighted system of peer and client feedback, combined with submissions analysis and independent research. The full "IP Stars" rankings are available [here](#).

**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 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](http://sternekessler.com).

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