

Managing IP Recognizes Sterne Kessler and 13 Directors with Top Rankings in 2024 “IP Stars” Guide

Washington, D.C. (July 1, 2024) – Sterne, Kessler, Goldstein & Fox is pleased to announce that *Managing IP* has ranked the firm and 13 directors among the best IP firms and practitioners in its 2024 “IP Stars” guide. These rankings come on the heels of *Managing IP* naming Director [Eldora L. Ellison](#) to its 2024 “Top 250 Women in IP” list, which was announced earlier this year.

Sterne Kessler once again received a “Tier 1” ranking in the national categories of Patent Prosecution and PTAB Litigation, “Tier 2” in Life Sciences IP and “Tier 3” in ITC Litigation. In the District of Columbia jurisdiction, which uses a different scale, Sterne Kessler earned top marks with “Highly Recommended” in the Patent Prosecution and Patent Disputes categories and “Recommended” for Trademark Prosecution.

The editors note that Sterne Kessler has “a deep bench of attorneys versed in all areas, including patent and trademark prosecution, and litigation.” In addition, they say, the firm is “particularly known for its active post-grant proceedings practice” and has a growing presence in the ITC space.

Those selected for the “IP Stars” individual rankings, according to the editors, are considered “senior practitioners who have been recommended or identified as leaders in their firm and/or jurisdiction.”

Sterne Kessler’s 2024 firm and 13 individual “IP Stars” rankings are:

National Rankings:

- Patent Prosecution (Tier 1)
- PTAB Litigation (Tier 1)
- Life Sciences IP (Tier 2)
- ITC Litigation (Tier 3)

District of Columbia Rankings:

- Patent Prosecution (Highly Recommended)
- Patent Disputes (Highly Recommended)
- Trademark Prosecution (Recommended)

Patent Stars:

- [Tracy-Gene G. Durkin](#), director and chair of the Mechanical & Design Practice Group

- [Eldora L. Ellison, Ph.D.](#), director in the Biotechnology & Chemical and Trial & Appellate Practice Groups, co-chair of the PTAB Trials Practice and member of the firm's Executive Committee
- [Jorge A. Goldstein, Ph.D.](#), director in the Biotechnology & Chemical Practice Group
- [Michael Joffre, Ph.D.](#), director in the Trial & Appellate Practice Group and co-chair of the Appellate Practice
- [Carla Ji-Eun Kim](#), director in the Biotechnology & Chemical Practice Group and co-chair of the Patent Prosecution Practice
- [Michael Q. Lee](#), director in the Electronics Practice Group
- [Michael B. Ray](#), managing director of Sterne Kessler and member of the Electronics Practice Group
- [J.C. Rozendaal](#), director and chair of Sterne Kessler's Trial & Appellate Practice Group
- [Eric K. Steffe](#), director in the Biotechnology & Chemical Practice Group
- [Deborah Sterling, Ph.D.](#), director in the Biotechnology & Chemical Practice Group
- [Robert Greene Sterne](#), director in the Electronics Practice Group
- [Daniel E. Yonan](#), director in the Trial & Appellate Practice Group and chair of the US ITC Practice Group

Trademark Star:

- [Monica Riva Talley](#), director and 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, enhancement, 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, technical specialists, specialized trademark paralegals, and law clerks include some of the country's most respected practitioners of IP law, tackling innovations across a broad spectrum of industries. The firm's practitioners 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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