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Neal Gerber Eisenberg Intellectual Property Practice Places Five Attorneys in *World Trademark Review 1000*

Neal Gerber Eisenberg (NGE) is pleased to announce that five attorneys from the firm's Intellectual Property practice group have been ranked in the 2023 edition of *World Trademark Review 1000* – The World's Leading Trademark Professionals (*WTR 1000*). Partner Ian J. Block has joined Lee J. Eulgen, Michael G. Kelber, Thomas C. McDonough and Antony J. McShane as individually recognized practitioners. In the "Individuals: Prosecution and Strategy" category, Kelber earned gold band status, with Eulgen and McShane earning silver band status and McDonough and Block earning bronze. In the "Individuals: Enforcement and Litigation" category, Eulgen, Kelber and McShane all garnered silver band status.

The firm's Intellectual Property practice group once again received gold band status in the 2023 edition, making it one of only five IP practices in Illinois to receive that rank. NGE has achieved gold status for six straight years and has been ranked consistently in the *WTR 1000* every year since 2013.

WTR 1000 remarked that "Neal Gerber & Eisenberg's ability to address trademark and business needs is unparalleled. Partnering with the best foreign associates, it oversees successful international trademark prosecution and protection efforts while providing in-depth analyses and insightful recommendations on

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strategy. In disputes, it represents parties vigorously while constantly exploring options to achieve business-sensible resolutions." WTR describes **Ian Block** as "a skilled partner in the trademark group. Block brings his creative and pragmatic approach to major players." **Lee Eulgen** is "an accomplished litigator with significant first chair experience." **Michael Kelber** "leads litigation, counsels on transactional agreements and has personally prosecuted thousands of US and foreign trademarks in the course of his career." **Thomas McDonough** "has significant expertise negotiating and drafting software licenses, and is a smooth operator in any difficult IP transaction." **Antony McShane** is "a talented and highly experienced portfolio manager appreciated by patrons for his responsiveness, thoughtfulness, creativity, and advocacy."

The firm launched its Intellectual Property practice group in 2002 with just three attorneys. Today, the group consists of 39 IP attorneys, seven paralegals, and a docket team of five IP professionals. The practice is responsible for managing, prosecuting and enforcing global patent and trademark portfolios for some of the most cutting-edge technology and Fortune 500 companies. Additionally, it has obtained significant litigation victories for its clients in Chicago and beyond.

A team of full-time *WTR 1000* analysts conducted qualitative research over four months, including in-person interviews with trademark specialists across the world. This year the 13th edition features more than 80 countries and U.S. state-specific chapters analyzing local trademark legal services and profiling the firms and individuals designated as leaders in their respective fields based on depth of expertise and market presence, alongside positive peer and client feedback.

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