



Pattishall McAuliffe Receives Top Gold Band Rankings in Prestigious WTR 1000 U.S. Rankings

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Pattishall McAuliffe received the top Gold Band ranking for both the United States and Illinois in the 2020 *WTR 1000* report. **Robert W. Sacoff** was nationally ranked Silver for “enforcement and litigation.” **Jonathan S. Jennings** was nationally ranked Silver for “enforcement and litigation” and ranked Gold in Illinois for “enforcement and litigation” and “prosecution and strategy.” **Janet A. Marvel** was nationally ranked Gold for “prosecution and strategy” and ranked Gold in Illinois for “prosecution and strategy.” **Brett A. August, Phillip Barengolts, Thad Chaloeintiarana, Bradley L. Cohn, Janet A. Marvel, Robert W. Sacoff and Joseph N. Welch II** were ranked Silver in Illinois for “enforcement and litigation.” **Belinda J. Scrimenti** was ranked Silver in Illinois for “prosecution and strategy.” **Ashly Boesche** was ranked Bronze in Illinois for “enforcement and litigation.” **David C. Hilliard** was honored as one of two Intellectual Property Luminaries in Illinois.

WTR writes, “Sitting at the pinnacle of the trademark profession not just in Chicago or the United States, but across the world, Pattishall, McAuliffe, Newbury, Hilliard & Geraldson boasts a deep bench of top professionals who protect their clients with passion and pride while being ‘incredibly supportive of the wider legal community’ in terms of expertise and time. As managing partner, **Bradley Cohn** has the firm sailing with a fair wind. Litigating in his own practice, he is ‘one of the best there is at it’, with great instincts regarding trial strategy and a gift for diagnosing the strengths and weaknesses of a case. Moving up in the enforcement and litigation rankings this year is **Thad Chaloeintiarana**. Brand owners stay loyal to him for decades, unwilling to pass up on his high-level substantive knowledge coupled with commercial pragmatism. ‘Thad is always ready with a timely, well-reasoned and thoughtful response to any issue. If he can’t address something himself (which is incredibly rare), he can connect you with people with the relevant expertise. Thad always delivers, no matter how quick the turnaround time required is or what sort of chaos you can throw at him.’ Perennial enforcement and litigation gold-tier member **Jonathan Jennings** continues to shine on high-end cases. ‘Jonathan is extremely approachable and is hands-on with the work assigned to



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him and his team. He has profound IP knowledge and can convey complex legal concepts in business language, allowing you to understand the work being done and make well-informed decisions. If you want to be sure about getting a good result, contact Jonathan.’ Experienced counsellor and first-chair trial lawyer **Phillip Barendolts** also garners enthusiastic praise: ‘Phil gets you where you need to be through his hard work and dedication. He is quick to respond and provides comprehensive yet practical advice while keeping budget concerns in mind.’ **Brett August** is another repository of trust when the chips are down. ‘He’s very up-front and will tell you when a case is a dog and you need to get out. A scholar who knows how to litigate, Brett is a high-calibre guy who adds heft to Pattishall’s practice.’ A senior leader in the group alongside August is **Janet Marvel** – a ‘wonderful mentor and superb listener who really tailors her advice to the particular needs of clients.’ As an editor of the American Bar Association’s *Landslide* magazine, she has followed dynamic change in the trademark industry extremely closely and can bring surety to brand owners as they navigate ever more complex terrains. Marvel also authored a treatise on trademark and unfair competition law alongside **Joseph Welch II** and **David Hilliard**. Welch loves trademark and advertising law and everything connected with it. He is a zealous advocate for his clients in litigation, while always remaining fair and reasonable. Luminary Hilliard stands out for his thought leadership, unbeatable experience and arbitration expertise. ... Performing flawlessly on both sides of the contentious/non-contentious divide, **Belinda Scrimenti** can ‘solve any issue in the most creative and efficient manner. She and her team are thorough, highly responsive and extremely knowledgeable on all topics related to trademarks. Their schedules for all steps of a process are put to calendar on a very timely basis and followed up so no deadlines are missed. All issues are completely researched and reviewed and presented clearly for discussion and decision.’ Coming up under all these senior figures in the profession, **Ashly Boesche** is really making her mark. ‘Ashly is thoughtful, creative and practical, and someone to call when you have a particularly tough question to work through.’ It is no wonder then that she makes her debut in the *WTR 1000* this year.”