



## 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 2021 *WTR 1000* report. **Robert W. Sacoff** and **Jonathan S. Jennings** were nationally ranked Silver in "enforcement and litigation." **Janet A. Marvel** was ranked Gold nationally and in Illinois for "prosecution and strategy." **Jonathan S. Jennings** was ranked Gold in Illinois for "prosecution and strategy" and "enforcement and litigation." **Brett A. August, Phillip Barendolts, Thad Chaloeintiarana, Bradley L. Cohn, Janet A. Marvel, Robert W. Sacoff** and **Joseph N. Welch II** were ranked Silver in Illinois in "enforcement and litigation." **Belinda J. Scrimenti** was ranked Silver in Illinois for "prosecution and strategy." **David C. Hilliard** was honored as one of two Intellectual Property Luminaries in Illinois.

WTR writes, "Universally revered as an elite trademark outfit, Pattishall, McAuliffe, Newbury, Hilliard & Geraldson engenders unshakeable trust, as reflected by the many relationships it has sustained over several decades – including some, remarkably, for more than a century. A font of insight on all trademark and brand-related topics, it presents solutions to routine and unusual situations alike with minimum fuss and maximum impact. Its deep bench is a defining feature: it has 12 individuals recommended in the *WTR 1000*, which is significantly more than any other outfit in Chicago... The firm is uniquely structured, in that it has no departments, teams or practice leaders – though litigator **Bradley Cohn** is a good place to start as managing partner. 'Fiercely dedicated to knowing every intricacy of the law and all its case developments', Cohn 'wastes no time in getting to the core of issues and brilliantly delivers on exactly what his clients require'. Others garnering stand-out reviews are all-rounders **Belinda Scrimenti** and **Thad Chaloeintiarana**, and disputes



specialist **Philip Barengolts**. 'Belinda solves problems creatively and efficiently and is committed to the highest standard of seamless service.' Lately she has been overseeing international prosecution efforts for Advanced Micro Devices and subsidiary ATI Technologies. 'When you place your faith in Thad, you will always be rewarded. He is thorough, incredibly knowledgeable, responsive, well organised and realistic, and is excellent in complex contentious proceedings.' 'Philip does a wonderful job scaling to his clients and thinking through strategies for countering infringements by third parties.' His work is always hugely impactful for clients such as food brand Caulipower, which has secured rights in its rapidly expanding product base in all key current and future markets thanks to strategic input from Barengolts and **Jessica Ekhoﬀ**. Debuting in the guide this year, Ekhoﬀ was elected to the partnership at the beginning of 2020 in recognition of her exceptional diligence, steady demeanour and innovative thinking. She is one of several rising stars at the firm; as is **Ashly Boesche**, a common-sense, pragmatic litigator who knows exactly how and when to dial up the aggression. Pattishall is an ideal training ground for up-and-coming lawyers because of the senior-level talent on hand to motivate and inspire. Developing others is an aspect of professional life that many here take seriously, including **Janet Marvel, Jonathan Jennings, Joseph Welch, Robert Sacoﬀ** and **Brett August** – all of whom have at least 30 years of experience to share. Marvel loves diving into the business side of things, which is why she maintains such a vibrant start-up practice. Jennings is a touchstone lawyer for brand leaders in the pharmaceutical sector, as well as in energy and real estate; he can estimate chances of success with pinpoint precision, which gives rights holders real confidence in his action plans. As a litigator, Welch shows others what it means to practise with civility while representing his side with vigour. Like many of his colleagues, Sacoﬀ has contributed richly to non-patent IP life in the United States, serving on the INTA and AIPLA boards, testifying before Congress, drafting rule revisions and much more; while through his litigious work, he has also advanced the state of the law for the benefit of brand owners. August is a trusted confidant for many innovative companies, which he serves as both sword and shield. The most seasoned veteran of all, though, is **David Hilliard**, an American College of Trial Lawyers fellow whose contentious nous is virtually unrivalled."