



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 2018 *WTR 1000* report. **Robert W. Sacoff** was nationally ranked Silver for “enforcement and litigation.” **Jonathan S. Jennings** was ranked Gold in Illinois for “enforcement and litigation” and “prosecution and strategy.” **Brett A. August, Phillip Barengolts, Bradley L. Cohn, Janet A. Marvel, Robert W. Sacoff and Joseph N. Welch II** were ranked Silver in Illinois for “enforcement and litigation.” **Janet A. Marvel** was ranked Silver in Illinois for “prosecution and strategy.” **Belinda J. Scrimenti** was ranked Bronze in Illinois for “prosecution and strategy.” **Thad Chalomentiarana** 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, “The trademark team at Pattishall McAuliffe comprises outstanding legal professionals that work together brilliantly. Its lawyers are devoted to their work and adept at handling complex and sensitive situations. They operate at a consistently high level.’ The ‘extremely responsive and reliable’ boutique ‘has a very loyal base of clients, great bandwidth and a deep bench’. ‘It has always been an eternal presence on the market’, but it also ‘has a new group of attorneys coming up through the ranks, who are being well trained by its veterans’. ‘Its terrific practice is clearly a destination of choice for both trademark prosecution and litigation.’ Managing partner **Bradley Cohn** is the recipient of effusive praise. ‘He recently obtained an excellent result for Bayer concerning the FLANAX mark, and that was just the most recent feat in a string of impressive victories over his career. He continues to do great things and is identified by clients for bet-the-company cases.’ ‘He is a sterling litigator, but also a first port of call for prosecution matters.’ ‘One of the senior members of the team who does superb enforcement work’, **Phillip Barengolts** was also instrumental on the Bayer brief. Together with **Jonathan Jennings**, he has recently secured significant victories for Eli Lilly and BP in critical trademark infringement disputes. ‘Jennings combines in-depth IP knowledge with a sharp business mindset.’ ‘He is responsive, insightful, thorough, professional and respectful; one thing that sets him apart is that he truly takes the time to understand what the client wants to accomplish and how strenuously each position should be



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negotiated.’ Adding to his already impressive résumé, in 2016 he was the lead author of the American Bar Association’s *amicus curiae* brief filed with the US Supreme Court in *Lee v Tam*. **Robert Sacoff’s** trophy cabinet is similarly full of honours and achievements: ‘He is a highly respectable figure in the IP world and has obtained many awards for his activities and work. He is a magnificent professional who always displays a comprehensive knowledge of the law and the vision to devise the most appropriate strategies, especially in truly complex cases.’ ‘A dean of the Chicago Bar, he has had a long, glittering career and has been deeply involved in the community.’ In the same vein, **Joseph Welch II** and **David Hilliard** are fonts of wisdom for the group. The seasoned duo are well versed in all facets of brand management and have ‘stellar reputations in the trademark market’. **Brett August** has been kept busy of late juggling a substantial volume of work on behalf of Zebra Technologies. ‘He has a great academic background, good ethics and is exceptionally smart; his strong judgement is his best asset.’ One peer states, ‘He immediately comes to mind for the best practitioners. He develops airtight strategies, knows the law fully, and is very eloquent both in his writing and speaking.’ **Janet Marvel** is equally ‘terrific’. ‘She is a first-class lawyer who knows the substance of the law inside and out. She makes for an excellent mentor, too.’ ‘Marvel is an invaluable partner for portfolio management, but also has a very high success rate when it comes to litigation.’ **Thad Chaloehtiarana** acquits himself superbly on contentious engagements but also doubles as a percipient adviser. His varied talents were invaluable for Robert Bosch GmbH in 2016 when, together with Cohn, Chaloehtiarana obtained a permanent injunction against North Shore Imports. Debuting in the *WTR 1000* this year is **Belinda Scrimenti**: ‘Her vast knowledge covers a diverse range of trademark matters. She is efficient and flexible in presenting alternative solutions, and has an extraordinary ability to connect with people and understand their needs. She is consistently responsive and quick to comprehend local legal issues and practical considerations as well.’”