

2025 IP STARS RECOGNIZES SIX ARMSTRONG TEASDALE LAWYERS

Managing IP has recognized six Armstrong Teasdale attorneys among its 2025 IP Stars. The rankings serve as a resource for companies and individuals looking for experienced legal practitioners for contentious and non-contentious IP advice.

Research for IP Stars covers a variety of IP practice areas and more than 80 jurisdictions. Lawyers recognized as Patent Stars for 2025 include Partners [Patrick Brennan](#), [Richard Brophy](#), [Erin Florek](#), [Christopher Goff](#) and [Patrick Rasche](#). Partner [Donna Schmitt](#) was recognized as a Trademark Star.

Armstrong Teasdale's Intellectual Property lawyers represent some of the world's largest companies across industry sectors in pursuing protection for their most valuable assets and innovations. From patents to trademarks, copyrights to licensing, defamation, technology transfers to opinion work and due diligence, firm lawyers actively protect clients' most valuable assets in today's competitive market.

Brennan's clients range from Fortune 500 companies to universities and startups. He regularly meets with in-house counsel, engineering and design teams to guide clients through patent preparation, prosecution and enforcement of U.S. and foreign patents, most often in the mechanical arts.

Brophy has a proven track record of trying and winning complex intellectual property cases across the United States. He has earned a particular reputation for winning cases by dismantling opposing expert witnesses in deposition and on the stand. His practice encompasses many areas of complex civil litigation, but he focuses primarily on disputes involving patents, trademarks, copyrights and antitrust violations.

Florek assists medical device, chemical and life sciences companies in applying for and protecting U.S. and international patents. She counsels clients on freedom-to-operate, patent infringement, patentability and due diligence issues. She regularly prepares noninfringement and invalidity opinions, and assists in litigation analysis and inter partes review proceedings.

Goff's practice includes an emphasis on medical device, chemical and biochemical patent preparation and prosecution. He counsels clients on

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freedom-to-operate issues, patent infringement issues, patentability and other due diligence issues. His experience involves a variety of subject matters, such as small molecule design and development, and pharmaceuticals related to kidney disease, pain treatments, high cholesterol and cancer, among others.

Rasche is an experienced IP practitioner and former patent examiner with a deep understanding of his clients' needs as well as the changing law in this field. His knowledge base includes homeland protection, medical imaging, motors, alternative energy, engines, advanced manufacturing and other technologies. In addition, he acts as outside corporate counsel for select companies in the manufacturing industry.

Schmitt, leader of the firm's Trademark Services practice area, strategically manages global trademark portfolios and advises clients on copyright, trade dress and trade secret matters. Businesses in a variety of industries look to her to handle domestic and foreign trademark prosecution and for guidance on trademark selection, use, registration, policing, protection, infringement and enforcement.