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Fredrikson & Byron attorneys Grant D. Fairbairn, Lora Friedemann, Thomas R. Hipkins, Ann M. Ladd, Kurt J. Niederluecke, Charles D. Segelbaum and David C. West are featured in the eighth edition of the *IAM Patent 1000: The World's Leading Patent Professionals*. The *IAM Patent 1000* is a unique guide that identifies the top patent professionals in key jurisdictions around the globe and shines a spotlight on the firms and individuals that are deemed outstanding in this pivotal area of practice.

"Fredrikson & Byron offers the full suite of traditional prosecution, litigation and transactions services but distinguishes itself by the quality of the strategic business advice that it provides alongside them," the *IAM Patent 1000* states in its analysis of the firm.

To illustrate the strength of the firm's strategic business advice, the *IAM Patent 1000* mentions Thomas Hipkins, chair of the Patents Group. Hipkins "conducts risk assessments so that clients do all the right things on the front end of product development and will not find themselves being liable for willful infringement down the line." The guide adds, "He always stays abreast of patent law developments and has excellent project management skills."

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Described as “more than just a prosecutor,” Charles Segelbaum, chair of the IP Due Diligence Group, “gets to know the wider business environment in which his clients operate by analyzing the patents of their competitors.” Ann Ladd, member of the firm’s Board of Directors and its Executive Committee, and David West, chair of the Technology & Data Group, “showcase exceptional commerciality in supporting the life sciences innovation ecosystem in Minnesota with their licensing expertise and complete transactional skill set.”

Head of the firm’s Intellectual Property Division, Lora Friedemann, along with litigators Kurt Niederluecke and Grant Fairbairn, “look for business resolutions – they do not just turn on the litigation machine and let it run. Their practice is growing at a rate of knots thanks to excellent results in the district courts and at the PTAB.” Fairbairn, chair of the firm’s Intellectual Property Litigation Group, “has an interesting case on right now for an inventor against the U.S. Army relating to weapon-mounted rangefinder patents.”

“Kurt and the team manage all cases strategically and efficiently and demonstrate a gift for predicting a plaintiff’s actions enabling them to move quickly and decisively,” according to feedback regarding Niederluecke. “On behalf of his client Hormel Foods Corporation, Niederluecke recently secured a favorable summary judgment in a trade secret action filed by Unitherm Food Systems seeking \$60 million in damages,” the *IAM Patent 1000* shares.

The *IAM Patent 1000* guide was compiled following an extensive research process, which included nearly 1,800 interviews with numerous attorneys at law, patent attorneys and in-house counsel to gather market intelligence on the leading players in the field. Individuals qualify for a listing in the *IAM Patent 1000* when they receive sufficient positive feedback from peers and clients with knowledge of their practice and the market within which they operate.

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