

## Six Fredrikson & Byron Attorneys Recognized in Intellectual Asset Management's 2017 Patent 1000 Guide

### Firm News

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Fredrikson & Byron attorneys Lora Friedemann, Thomas R. Hipkins, Ann M. Ladd, Kurt J. Niederluecke, Charles D. Segelbaum and David C. West were featured in the 2017 edition of the *IAM Patent 1000: The World's Leading Patent Professionals*. Now in its sixth edition, IAM's market-leading guide identifies the top patent professionals and firms in key jurisdictions around the globe.

"Proficient across the patent lifecycle, the Minnesotan branch of Fredrikson & Byron is particularly strong in technology transactions," the *IAM Patent 1000* stated. Leading this area of practice are Ann Ladd, member of the firm's Board of Directors and its Executive Committee, and David West, chair of the Technology & Data Group, who were described as "strategic sages" and "masters of avoiding conflicts and extracting optimum IP value through the intelligent use of licensing, joint ventures and other agreements."

Charles Segelbaum, chair of the IP Due Diligence Group, and Thomas Hipkins, chair of the Patents Group, help "innovators achieve their objectives" and serve as "perspicuous counsellors on patent acquisition." Hipkins was highlighted as a "meticulous drafter" who "leads the prosecution team, providing farsighted advice on freedom-to-operate and pre-litigation matters." As further stated, "the electrical mechanical engineering whizz Segelbaum heads the due diligence team with finesse."

"Home to crack litigators such as Kurt Niederluecke and Lora Friedemann, the firm is also a compelling choice in contentious circumstances," the *IAM Patent 1000* stated. Kurt Niederluecke, chair of the firm's Intellectual Property Litigation Group, is "a patent specialist whose advocacy is coherent, engaging and persuasive." Friedemann chairs the firm's Intellectual Property Division, and was lauded a "cogent trial lawyer" who is "well versed in federal court procedures" and "has a knack for building winning strategies."

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

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sufficient positive feedback from peers and clients with knowledge of their practice and the market within which they operate.

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