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Katten and Its Patent Attorneys Earn Top Rankings in *IAM Patent 1000 2026*

(NEW YORK) Katten is proud to announce that the firm and five of its distinguished patent attorneys have been recognized in the *IAM Patent 1000: The World's Leading Patent Professionals 2026*, the premier guide identifying top patent practitioners worldwide.

Katten received a bronze ranking for Litigation in New York, reflecting the strength and depth of the firm's patent litigation team. The *IAM Patent 1000* noted that Katten's New York office "has become a visible force in pharmaceutical patent litigation, backed by a broader national platform and a client roster that includes many of the world's largest generic producers." The guide emphasized that "what distinguishes the practice is not simply the volume of ANDA work, but the extent to which the team is repeatedly trusted on commercially significant launch and exclusivity questions, often in matters where patent, FDA and market-entry issues must be handled together."

"Our clients trust us with their most consequential patent matters, and these rankings reflect that," said Deepro R. Mukerjee, Chair of Katten's global Intellectual Property department and a member of the firm's Board of Directors and Executive Committee. "Whether navigating complex launch-and-exclusivity questions or stepping into critical cases midstream, our team's ability to deliver results in high-stakes patent disputes is what sets us apart."

Mukerjee earned a silver ranking in New York. The guide recognized his breadth of practice across Abbreviated New Drug Application (ANDA) litigation, enforcement and defense strategies, and patent disputes in the electronics sector, noting that he is "frequently entrusted with strategically significant cases involving core commercial technologies." Clients praised Mukerjee as "a fantastic attorney with a wealth of knowledge" who "always exhibits the deepest understanding of any legal issue, high intellectual abilities and creative thinking for the benefit of his clients, along with exceptional perseverance and a relentless effort to achieve success."

Patent Litigation Co-Chair Lance A. Soderstrom also earned a bronze ranking in New York. Soderstrom was recognized for his "extensive experience in Hatch-Waxman litigation and long-running disputes involving diabetes and other therapeutic products," including securing findings of invalidity at trial and on appeal and "guiding clients through sustained, multi-phase litigation strategies." Clients described him as "an excellent lawyer and a pleasure to work with" whose "approach is both thorough and practical, delivering comprehensive solutions while maintaining a strong focus on cost-effectiveness."

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In Illinois, Patent Litigation Co-Chair Brian Sodikoff achieved a silver ranking. Sodikoff is widely recognized for his extensive experience representing leading pharmaceutical companies in complex patent disputes involving cutting-edge technologies.

Additionally, IP Partners Dr. Jitendra “Jitty” Malik and Joseph M. Janusz were each named as “recommended individuals” in North Carolina. Malik was also recognized in the United States: National category.

The *IAM Patent 1000* is the definitive directory for identifying the world's top patent service providers. Its research methodology is thorough and wide-ranging, drawing on feedback from thousands of clients, including senior executives at major corporations and leading academic institutions around the globe.

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