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## Shumaker and Six Lawyers Named to 2024 IAM Patent 1000

**CHARLOTTE, NC** — Shumaker, a leading national law firm, and six of the firm's partners have been recognized by Intellectual Asset Management (IAM) magazine's *IAM Patent 1000: The World's Leading Patent Practitioners* for 2024. Shumaker Partners Tom BenGera, Patrick Horne, Alex Long, Doug Miller, John Miller, and Jason Smith have been individually honored in this year's list, further solidifying Shumaker's reputation for excellence in intellectual property law.

In addition, Shumaker's North Carolina team has been ranked in the bronze banding for the IAM Patent 1000 for the first time this year; a designation reserved for those highly praised by sources and among the most competitive in the field.

### According to IAM:

"Shumaker aims to connect with its clientele, understand their business goals, and ensure that it provides high-quality services that align with those goals."

"Operating for more than 50 years, its North Carolina outpost maintains the firm's reputation through patent all-rounder [Alex Long](#), who can be relied upon for success in both prosecuting patents and protecting them through litigation."

"[Tom BenGera](#), who makes his debut in the guide this year receives praise for doing an excellent job of diving into the details and constructing very logical and persuasive arguments. He expertly communicates his ideas to the group and then incorporates input back into the argument."

"A dexterous prosecutor, [Patrick Horne](#), who clients consider a trusted member of the team, gives the risks and benefits of every strategy he proposes, and does a good job of taking his clients' ideas and helping flesh

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them out. He understands new concepts very quickly and asks good questions to clarify the ideas.”

“Pioneer of the firm’s IP practice in Ohio, [Douglas Miller](#) makes his debut in the rankings this year as an expert manager of patent portfolios for his following. He draws on his mechanical engineering background to provide knowledgeable advice to players in a number of industries, including automotive and manufacturing.”

“Also new to the guide this year, is [John Miller](#), whose three decades in the field and previous experience as a patent examiner make him a safe pair of hands for patent preparation and prosecution for those looking to expand and maximize their patent portfolios.”

“Skilled in patent preparation, prosecution and post-grant proceedings, [Jason Smith](#) is relied upon by players from a variety of industries, including chemical and materials company Microban Products Company and WM Barr, for whom he manages an IP portfolio of in excess of 1,500 trademarks and patents.”

The IAM Patent 1000 identifies the top patent professionals and firms that are deemed outstanding in the pivotal area of patent law. IAM undertakes exhaustive qualitative research, identifying top firms and individuals based on their depth of expertise, market presence, and sophistication of work.

“Being named to the IAM Patent 1000 list is a significant honor that validates our commitment to excellence in intellectual property law,” said Patrick, who also serves as Shumaker’s Intellectual Property and Technology National Service Line Leader. “It reflects our team's dedication to providing exceptional service, protecting our clients' innovations, and advancing the frontiers of technology and business. This recognition is a testament to the hard work, extensive experience, and collaborative spirit that define our firm.”