



PIRKEY BARBER RANKED AMONG TOP TRADEMARK LAW FIRMS

Austin firm honored by *World Trademark Review* for fourth consecutive year

“Admired Austin-based boutique Pirkey Barber excels across the board.”

AUSTIN, TEXAS (Feb. 06, 2014) — Pirkey Barber PLLC was named one of the top trademark law firms in the country in the 2014 edition of the *World Trademark Review 1000*, which also singled out seven of the firm’s attorneys as among the best in their practice areas.

Pirkey Barber achieved Silver status in the national rankings and was one of just two firms to receive the top Gold ranking for the State of Texas, an elite status designating the “crème de la crème” in the field and offering “a degree of specialization and precision that is extremely hard to beat.” Pirkey Barber is also the only firm in the U.S. to have two attorneys receive Gold status designations in both the national “Prosecution and Strategy” and “Enforcement and Litigation” categories.

Seven Pirkey Barber attorneys were recognized individually this year, by far the highest number among Texas firms and among the highest for any firm in the nation. Described as “legends in the field” who “have employed great care and judgment to build up a wonderfully successful outfit,” **Louis T. Pirkey** and **William G. Barber** received Gold status nationally in both the “Prosecution and Strategy” and the “Enforcement and Litigation” categories. **Shannon T. Vale** was singled out for his “insightful strategies” and received Silver status nationally in the “Prosecution and Strategy” category.

In the rankings for Texas, Pirkey, Barber and Vale were accorded Gold status, while “extremely bright litigator” **Steve Meleen** achieved Silver status. Bronze class designees included **Christopher L. Graff** (“a hugely devoted proponent of his clients’ rights”), **Rodney K Caldwell** (“a wealth of contentious experience”) and first time listed **Wendy Larson**, who drew special praise for her “familiarity with emerging issues.”

This is the fourth year of the WTR rankings, and the fourth consecutive year that Pirkey Barber has received high marks in the *WTR 1000*, which recognizes firms and individuals for their depth of expertise, market presence and level of work based on extensive research that includes interviews and correspondence with attorneys and clients.

About Pirkey Barber PLLC

Pirkey Barber is one of the few firms in the United States specializing exclusively in the field of trademark, copyright and unfair competition law. Founded in 2006, the firm’s lawyers have represented clients in hundreds of cases in the United States in Federal Court, before the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board of the United States Patent and Trademark Office, and under ICANN's dispute resolution policies. Clients include many Fortune 500 companies as well as

universities and small businesses. Pirkey Barber counsels clients on all aspects of trademark and copyright law. For more information, please visit: www.pirkeybarber.com.

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