



PIRKEY BARBER RANKED AMONG TOP TRADEMARK LAW FIRMS

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

“Patrons think the world of premier Austin boutique Pirkey Barber.”

AUSTIN, TEXAS (Jan 30, 2015) —Pirkey Barber PLLC was named one of the top firms in the country for trademark law in the 2015 edition of *World Trademark Review 1000*, which also singled out eight of the firm’s attorneys as among the best in their practice areas.

Pirkey Barber achieved Silver status nationally and was one of just two firms to receive the top Gold ranking for the State of Texas. As the only firm in the U.S. with two attorneys awarded Gold status in both the national “Prosecution and Strategy” and “Enforcement and Litigation” categories, this prestigious global publication noted that “the firm has proved itself an outstanding operator on both sides of the contentious/non-contentious divide.”

Eight of the firm’s nineteen attorneys were recognized individually this year, by far the highest number among Texas firms and among the highest for any firm in the nation. “Titans of the national and international trademark scene,” **Louis T. Pirkey** and **William G. Barber** received Gold status nationally in both the “Prosecution and Strategy” and the “Enforcement and Litigation” categories. “Consummate deal maker” **Shannon T. Vale** received Silver status nationally in the “Prosecution and Strategy” category.

In the rankings for Texas, Pirkey, Barber and Vale were accorded Gold status and **Rodney K. Caldwell** was one of only two attorneys ranked as Luminaries in the State. Joining **Steve Meleen** (hailed as a “talented and worthy adversary in court”) in the Silver tier this year is **Christopher L. Graff**, recognized for his “immense depth of experience.” Touted as “another rising star on the roster,” **Wendy Larson** (“a no-nonsense litigator with a particular faculty for cases relating to the Internet”) is joined by **Chris Kindel** who garnered “accolades for his transactional smarts.”

This is the fifth year of the WTR rankings, and the fifth 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 fields 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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