The essential choice of companies to which patent quality is everything, Slater Matsil has prosecution down to a fine art. Statistical data highlights the firm as one of the most active and best performing in the country; and with new mandates coming in from top industry players – including a leading Japanese telecommunications company – it is only becoming more impressive to behold. Hallmarks include the diversity, cosmopolitanism, technical and scientific erudition and business comprehension of the team, which has been custom built by founding partners Steven Slater and Ira Matsil – two worldlywise practitioners with more than 60 years in the game between them. Expertise in prosecution, licensing and transactions and litigation grants former trial attorney Slater an enlightened perspective on high-level patent strategy. Equally as cultivated, Matsil understands with great acuity the technologies and business needs of his clients and how to harness their intellectual property for commercial ends. Also highly rated are Srini **Chakravarthi**, who makes his sophomore appearance in the guide this year; and debutant Michael Kucher. An inventor himself, Chakravarthi has rich industrial R&D experience and an incredibly agile technical mind when it comes to cutting-edge high-technology innovation. Kucher has an in-house background in the semiconductor industry, and understands the US and European patent systems and how to work within and between them. Others building strong profiles in the wider market include established partner Benjamin Nise, newly minted partner Elizabeth Iglesias and Landon Wiebusch – all of whom garner enthusiastic recommendations from clients.

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