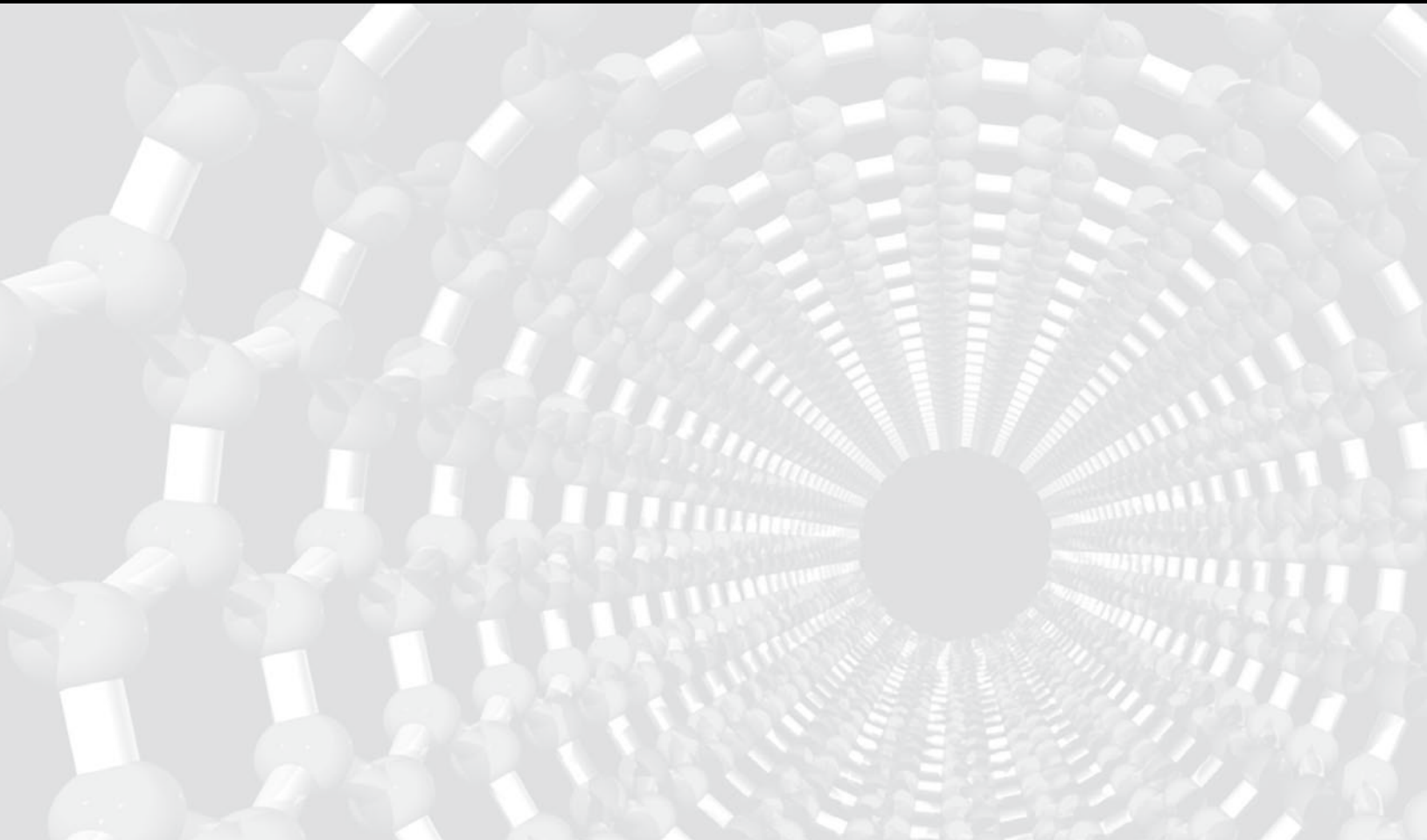


A background graphic featuring a perspective view of a tunnel-like structure composed of repeating hexagonal rings of spheres and connecting rods, receding into the distance. The spheres are light gray and the rods are white. The overall image has a light gray background.

# NANOTECHNOLOGY GROUP

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**“What would happen if we could arrange the atoms one by one?”** – Nobel prize winning physicist Richard Feynman 1959

Decades after that question was posed, the world is now learning the answer. Working at the atomic level, the emerging science of nanotechnology offers sweeping changes and limitless possibilities in medicine, biology, chemistry, materials science, electronics, communications and other disciplines. As new breakthroughs in nanotechnology move from the laboratory to the mainstream, many ideas will become the foundation for significant and successful commercial enterprises – but only if the underlying intellectual property issues are secure. As the scientific boundaries expand, so do the legal issues.

Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione, one of the largest intellectual property law firms in the United States, has developed a Nanotechnology Group that brings together the diverse talents of a large group of lawyers and scientific advisors in a multi-disciplinary team to address the unique issues that this new field presents.

Nanotechnology requires legal support not only in preparing and prosecuting patent applications and enforcing intellectual property rights, but in many real-world business issues such as drafting licensing agreements among inventors, institutions and corporations. It is here that the deep experience and extensive resources of Brinks work to the long-term advantage of our clients.

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### PROTECTING INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

The Nanotechnology Group can draw on the firm's 88 years of experience in obtaining intellectual property protection for innovations in a broad array of disciplines. Our Nanotechnology Group understands the unique nature of innovations in nanotechnology and is well qualified to help clients protect their inventions.

Representing clients in a wide range of intellectual property matters, we have litigated landmark cases before the U.S. Supreme Court, the federal circuit and regional federal district courts. Our lawyers assume leadership roles in professional organizations that promote nanotechnology, speak at seminars on nanotechnology and intellectual property issues, and sponsor events that educate the legal and business communities on nanotechnology and intellectual property law.

### PATENT PROSECUTION

We understand nanotechnology. Our patent prosecution attorneys are experienced in preparing and prosecuting nanotechnology patent applications. We have represented clients focusing solely on nanotechnology inventions and others incorporating nanotechnology applications to improve established products and services. Further, we work with our clients to strategically develop nanotechnology intellectual property portfolios.

### INTERFERENCES

Given nanotechnology's rapid pace of innovation, disputes will occur over who first invented. These disputes are most often resolved in interference proceedings in the United States Patent and Trademark Office. Brinks has a dedicated Interference Group with the experience to navigate the complexities of interference law.

### LITIGATION

In the complex, fast-paced and competitive world of nanotechnology, challenges to intellectual property rights are inevitable. The Nanotechnology Group is prepared to meet these challenges as they occur. Our experienced litigators provide a decisive advantage in high-stakes intellectual property litigation. Our litigation clients range from start-up companies to Fortune 100 companies. We vigorously enforce and defend intellectual property rights.

### LICENSING

New discoveries and innovations frequently require licensing agreements involving individuals, inventors, universities, manufacturers and other business entities. Our lawyers prepare and negotiate licenses that turn our clients' innovative ideas into great financial opportunities, while safeguarding their underlying intellectual property rights.

Today our clients bring dreams to reality with exciting applications of nanotechnology. The Brinks Nanotechnology Group provides both sound advice and comprehensive support to assist our clients in achieving the full potential of each new idea.

### INDUSTRIES SERVED

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Chemistry	Materials
Communications	Pharmaceuticals
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