

## Bird Marella Named to National Law Journal's 2016 Top 10 Litigation Boutique Firms in the Nation

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Bird Marella has been named to the *National Law Journal's* 2016 "Litigation Boutiques Hot List," recognizing the firm for its creative approach of litigating precedent-setting cases throughout 2015, and its strong emphasis in the white collar/government enforcement world by staying current on government policy and prosecutors' strategies.

"We have our finger on the pulse of what makes prosecutors tick, and we stay on top of every change in government policy and nuance," name principal [Gary Lincenberg](#) said.

The feature article further illustrates Mr. Lincenberg's point by highlighting the firm's most notable victory in 2015, in which Mr. Lincenberg and attorneys [Terry Bird](#), Peter Shakow, and David Chao secured a rare and complete dismissal of criminal trade secret theft charges against Chinese national, Dr. Mo Yun, in federal court in Iowa. Dr. Mo is the former Director of Research, and wife of the founder and chairman, of a large public company in China. The Justice Department and U.S. Attorney in Iowa charged Dr. Mo with conspiracy to steal trade secrets from agri-business giants DuPont Pioneer and Monsanto.

After a year-long fight, during which Bird Marella principals Terry Bird, Peter Shakow, and Mr. Lincenberg won a motion to suppress and then a motion to preclude the key government evidence based on lack of foundation, the team persuaded the federal prosecutors to dismiss the case against Dr. Mo. Dr. Mo was freed to return to China and reunite with her family.

In addition to the Mo Yun victory, the *National Law Journal* highlighted the firm's multiple class action victories in 2015 on behalf of clients Samsung, Xerox, and Hyundai.

The *National Law Journal's* 2016 Litigation Boutique Hot List spotlights 10 litigation boutiques with up to 50 lawyers who enjoyed stand-out accomplishments in 2015. These firms, located on either coast or at points in between, secured key victories – whether in monetary terms or by establishing important precedent at the trial or appellate level.

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