

CenturyLink's legal team takes home top honors at INTA conference

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MONROE, La., June 3, 2013 /PRNewswire/ -- **CenturyLink, Inc.'s** (NYSE: CTL) in-house intellectual property (IP)/trademark legal team recently earned the top award for best in-house Internet and telecom trademark team at the annual World Trademark Review (WTR) Industry Awards in Dallas. This year there were nearly 1,500 total nominees across 16 categories. The awards ceremony was held in conjunction with the annual International Trademark Association (INTA) conference, attended by more than 10,000 trademark and IP legal professionals from around the globe.

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"This is a significant and impressive honor that recognizes the progressive, efficient and innovative approaches our IP Legal Team uses to manage the company's trademark and brand assets," said Stacey Goff, executive vice president and general counsel. "World Trademark Review is the most highly regarded international trade publication in the trademark space, making this an even more rewarding award for our IP Legal Team."

Each year, WTR honors leading in-house departments or groups through the awards program. The awards are designed to recognize the vitally important work carried out by in-house trademark counsel, and to identify the teams and individuals who are performing their functions to the highest possible standards.

About CenturyLink

CenturyLink is the third largest telecommunications company in the United States and is recognized as a leader in the network services market by technology industry analyst firms. The company is a global leader in cloud infrastructure and hosted IT solutions for enterprise customers. CenturyLink provides data, voice and managed services in local, national and select international markets through its high-quality advanced fiber optic network and multiple data centers for businesses and consumers. The company also offers advanced entertainment

services under the CenturyLink® Prism™ TV and DIRECTV brands. Headquartered in Monroe, La., CenturyLink is an S&P 500 company and is included among the Fortune 500 list of America's largest corporations. For more information, visit www.centurylink.com.

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