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# Disrupting the Landscape

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Troutman Pepper Partner [Jennifer Kennedy](#) and Associate [Jordan Rutledge](#) were published in the June/July 2026 issue of *Chicago Lawyer* for their article, “[Disrupting the Landscape](#).” The authors discuss how, among multiple factors, the ability of artificial intelligence to take and use public data for various purposes and the difficulties in maintaining patent protections are key reasons why federal trade secret litigation has grown 30% between 2022 and 2025, with the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois ranking as one of the top three forums for litigants throughout the country.

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