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Best Lawyers

Joseph J. Berghammer, Binal Patel, and Richard Stockton are recognized in the 2025 edition of “The Best Lawyers in America.”

Jay R. Bombien and Shawn M. Buchanan are recognized in “Best Lawyers in America: Ones to Watch.”

Best Lawyers - Best Law Firms

In the 2025 edition of U.S. News – Best Lawyers’ “Best Law Firms,” Banner Witcoff received a National Tier 2 ranking in intellectual property litigation, patent litigation, and patent law. The firm received Metropolitan Tier 1 rankings in Chicago in intellectual property litigation, patent litigation, and patent law.

Chambers and Partners

The 2024 edition of Chambers and Partners named Banner Witcoff a top intellectual property law firm. Banner Witcoff received a top ranking for patent prosecution in the District of Columbia and a top ranking for intellectual property law in Illinois. Additionally, Marc S. Cooperman received a top ranking for his practice in intellectual property law, and Mercedes Meyer received a top ranking for her practice in Intellectual Property: Patent Prosecution.

Crain's Chicago Business

Crain’s Chicago Business recognized Binal Patel and Katie Laatsch Fink as 2022 Notable Gen X Leaders in Accounting, Consulting and Law.

Anna King and Katie Laatsch Fink were named in the 2022 edition of Crain’s Chicago Business Notable Women in Law.

Intellectual Asset Management

Banner Witcoff is recognized in the 2024 IAM Patent 1000 . The guide ranks the firm nationally for patent prosecution. Additionally, the firm was ranked for litigation and recommended for patent prosecution in both Illinois and Washington, D.C.

The following Banner Witcoff attorneys are recognized in the guide as leading professionals in their practice area and jurisdiction:

Binal Patel and Joseph J. Berghammer for litigation and prosecution in Illinois; Marc Cooperman, Azuka Dike, and Tim Meece for litigation in Illinois; Robert Katz and Frederic Meeker for litigation and prosecution in Washington, D.C.; Laura Brutman, Ross Dannenberg, Mercedes Meyer and Darrell Mottley for prosecution in Washington, D.C.; John Hutchins and Scott Kelly for litigation in Washington, D.C.; John Iwanicki for prosecution in Massachusetts. Darrell and Robert were also recognized for their design patent work, and Mercedes for her life sciences work.

Attorneys Timothy C. Meece and Frederic M. Meeker are included in the 2024 edition of IAM Strategy 300: The World's Leading IP Strategists and IAM Strategy 300 Global Leaders.

Robert S. Katz and Mercedes Meyer are named to the 2024 edition of the IAM Global Leaders.

Illinois Leading Lawyers

Several Chicago-based Banner Witcoff attorneys were selected as 2025 Leading Lawyers: Matthew P. Becker, Joseph J. Berghammer, Scott A. Burow, Marc S. Cooperman, Azuka C. Dike, Brian J. Emfinger, Katie Laatch Fink, Timothy C. Meece, Janice V. Mitrius, Binal J. Patel, Thomas K. Pratt, Robert H. Resis, Jason Shull, Richard Stockton, and Pieter van Es.

Five Chicago-based Banner Witcoff attorneys were selected as 2025 Emerging Lawyers: Eric J. Hamp, Anna L. King, Michael L. Krashin, Bradley J. Van Pelt, and Victoria R. McDonald Webb.

Law360

Banner Witcoff is featured in Law360's list of 400 largest U.S. law firms in 2024.

Managing Intellectual Property

Banner Witcoff's trademark practice was ranked in the 2024 edition of "IP Stars," a guide to the world's top intellectual property firms and practitioners. "IP Stars" "highly recommended" the firm's trademark practice in Illinois. Banner Witcoff is one of only seven

firms to be “highly recommended”— the guide’s highest recognition — in the category.

Banner Witcoff’s patent practice is also ranked in the 2024 guide. The firm’s patent prosecution practice is “highly recommended” in Washington DC and Illinois. The guide also “recommended” the firm’s patent dispute practice in both jurisdictions. Nationally, Banner Witcoff received tier 3 rankings for patent prosecution and PTAB litigation.

Banner Witcoff attorneys are recognized as 2024 Managing Intellectual Property “IP Stars”: Marc Cooperman, Ross Dannenberg, Katie Laatsch Fink, John Iwanicki, Sarah Kagan, Ph.D., Robert Katz, Anna King, Christopher McKee, Timothy Meece, Frederic Meeker, Mercedes Meyer, Ph.D., Darrell Mottley, Joseph Potenza, Joseph Skerpon, Richard Stockton, J. Pieter van Es, and Bradley Wright.

National Law Journal

Banner Witcoff is included in the National Law Journal’s 2021 NLJ 500, a survey of the 500 largest U.S.-centric law firms.

Banner Witcoff’s Scott M. Kelly is named a “DC Rising Star” in the National Law Journal’s 2023 Legal Awards, recognizing him as one of the region’s 40 most promising lawyers age 40 and under.

Super Lawyers

Illinois — Brian Apel, Joseph J. Berghammer, Marc S. Cooperman, Anthony Denis, Louis DiSanto, Katie Laatsch Fink, Erik S. Maurer, Timothy C. Meece, Janice V. Mitrius, Binal J. Patel, Jason S. Shull, Richard Stockton, J. Pieter van Es and Jake Webb were named 2024 “Illinois Super Lawyers” and “Illinois Rising Stars.”

Washington, D.C. — Robert F. Altherr, Jr., Evi T. Christou, John R. Hutchins, Robert S. Katz, Scott M. Kelly, Christopher L. McKee, Darrell G. Mottley, Camille Sauer, and Bradley C. Wright were named Washington, D.C., Super Lawyers” and “Rising Stars” in 2024.

The Legal 500

In the 2024 edition of Legal 500, Banner Witcoff is listed as a top firm in the “Patents: Prosecution” practice area, which includes reexamination and post-grant proceedings.

Vault's 2025 rankings have named Banner Witcoff as No. 3 on their list of "Best Intellectual Property Specialty Law Firms" in the United States, and one of the top mid-sized law firms in Chicago.

The firm ranks No. 5 "Best-Mid-sized Law Firms" in Chicago and as a "Top 150 Under 150" – a list of leading firms with 150 lawyers or fewer.

[World Trademark Review 1000](#)

Banner Witcoff is ranked as a top trademark firm in the 2025 edition of the World Trademark Review 1000.

Louis DiSanto, Katie Laatsch Fink, Anna L. King, and Richard S. Stockton are also ranked as leading practitioners for trademark prosecution and strategy in the 2025 edition of the annual guide.