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Best Lawyers

Joseph Berghammer, Binal Patel, Richard Stockton, and Timothy Meece are recognized in the 2026 edition of The Best Lawyers in America®.

Alisa Abbot, Reilley Keane, Daniel Moon, Kirk Sigmon, and Christian Wolfgram are recognized in Best Lawyers in America: Ones to Watch®.

Best Lawyers - Best Law Firms

In the 2026 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 Regional Tier 1 rankings in Chicago in intellectual property litigation, patent litigation, and patent law.

Chambers and Partners

The 2025 edition of Chambers and Partners named Banner Witcoff a top intellectual property law firm. Banner Witcoff received top rankings for patent prosecution in the District of Columbia and intellectual property law in Illinois. The guide also recognizes three Banner Witcoff attorneys. In Illinois, Marc Cooperman is ranked for his practice in intellectual property law. Mercedes Meyer, Ph.D., and Robert Katz received rankings for their patent prosecution work in Washington, D.C.

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 2025 IAM Patent 1000 . Banner Witcoff is ranked as “highly recommended” in the prosecution category in the Washington, D.C. Metro area, and “recommended” in the prosecution category Nationally and in Illinois. The guide also ranks Banner Witcoff’s litigation practice.

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

- Joseph Berghammer (Illinois Bronze – litigation, Recommended – prosecution)
- Laura Brutman (DC Recommended – prosecution)
- Marc Cooperman (Illinois Bronze – litigation)
- Ross Dannenberg (DC Recommended – prosecution)
- Azuka Dike (Illinois Bronze – litigation)
- John Hutchins (DC Bronze – litigation)
- John Iwanicki (Massachusetts Recommended)
- Robert Katz (DC Silver – litigation, Highly recommended – prosecution; **National:** Recommended – design patents)
- Scott M. Kelly (DC Bronze – litigation)
- Timothy Meece (Illinois Silver – litigation)
- Frederic Meeker (DC Bronze – litigation, Recommended – prosecution)
- Mercedes Meyer, Ph.D. (DC Highly recommended – prosecution; **National:** Recommended, life sciences prosecution)
- Darrell Mottley (DC Recommended – prosecution; **National:** Recommended – design patents)
- Binal Patel (Illinois Bronze – litigation, Recommended – prosecution)

Attorneys Timothy C. Meece and Frederic M. Meeker are included in the 2025 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.

LawDragon

The 2025 Lawdragon 500 Leading Global IP Lawyers Guide recognizes eight Banner Witcoff attorneys:

- Joseph Berghammer
- Laura Brutman
- Louis DiSanto
- Katie Laatsch Fink
- Erik Maurer
- Fred Meeker
- Mercedes Meyer, Ph.D.
- Andy Mu

Law360

Banner Witcoff is featured in Law360's list of 400 largest U.S. law firms in 2025.

Managing Intellectual Property

Banner Witcoff's trademark practice was ranked in the 2025 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.

Managing IP ranks Banner Witcoff's patent practice in its 2025 edition of "IP Stars," a guide to the world's top intellectual property firms. The guide "highly recommended" the firm's patent prosecution practice in Washington DC and Illinois. The guide also "recommended" the firm's patent dispute practice in both jurisdictions. Nationally, Banner Witcoff received a tier 3 ranking for patent prosecution and PTAB litigation.

Banner Witcoff attorneys are recognized as 2025 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, Richard Stockton, J. Pieter van Es, and Bradley Wright.

Banner Witcoff attorneys are recognized as 2025 Managing Intellectual Property "Rising Stars": Alisa Abbott and Kirk Sigmon.

LMG Life Sciences

Lisa M. Hemmendinger, John Iwanicki, and Mercedes Meyer are named in LMG Life Sciences' 2025 Americas Firm & Lawyer Rankings.

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, Frederic M. Meeker, Darrell G. Mottley, and Bradley C. Wright were named Washington, D.C., Super Lawyers" and "Rising Stars" in 2025.

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

Vault's 2026 rankings have named Banner Witcoff as No. 4 on their list of "Best Intellectual Property Specialty Law Firms" in the United States, and one of the top midsize law firms in Chicago.

The firm ranks No. 9 "Best-Midsize Law Firms" in Chicago and as a "Top 150 Under 150" – a list of leading firms with 150 lawyers or fewer.

World Intellectual Property Review

The World Intellectual Property Review (WIPR) has recognized Banner Witcoff shareholders Katie Laatsch Fink and Anna King, along with the firm's trademark practice, in its 2025 edition of the USA Trademark Rankings. The national rankings identify firms and individuals

capable of advising leading companies and associate law firms on their most significant trademark matters.

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.