Banner & Witcoff Awards 2018 Donald W. Banner Diversity Scholarship to UCLA Law Student

Banner & Witcoff, Ltd., a national intellectual property law firm that procures, enforces and litigates intellectual property rights throughout the world, has selected Priyank Patel as the 2018 recipient of the Donald W. Banner Diversity Scholarship for law students.

The scholarship program will provide Mr. Patel with $5,000 for his fall semester of law school. He earned a B.S. in psychobiology from the University of California, Los Angeles. He is currently enrolled at the University of California, Los Angeles School of Law.

The scholarship is open to all law students who are members of a minority group (including any group traditionally underrepresented in the field of intellectual property law) and who meet the following criteria:

- Current enrollment in an American Bar Association-accredited law school in the U.S.;
- Commitment to the pursuit of a career in intellectual property law;
- Strong communication and writing skills; and
- Demonstrated leadership qualities and community involvement.

“Banner & Witcoff is thrilled to reward Priyank’s commitment to the intellectual property field,” said Banner & Witcoff President Charles L. Miller. “We are also happy to promote diversity in the legal profession.”

Applications for the 2019 scholarship will be made available through the Banner & Witcoff website: www.bannerwitcoff.com.

About Donald W. Banner

Donald W. Banner (1924-2006), a former U.S. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, was a

leader in the field of patent law. He was chairman of the American Bar Association Section of Intellectual Property Law, president of the American Intellectual Property Law Association, a founding member of the Association of Corporate Patent Counsel, president of the International Patent and Trademark Association, co-founder and president of the Intellectual Property Owners Association and director of The John Marshall Law School Center for Intellectual Property Law. He was also a U.S. delegate to numerous international diplomatic conferences. Because of his many accomplishments and the respect he garnered in the field of intellectual property, he was appointed to be U.S. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks by both Presidents Richard Nixon and Jimmy Carter, the only person to be appointed by presidents of both political parties. He served in that office only during the Carter Administration.

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