



# Banner & Witcoff Leads the Way in Design Patent Procurement for the Ninth Year in a Row

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Banner & Witcoff, Ltd., a national intellectual property law firm that is dedicated to the procurement, enforcement and litigation of intellectual property rights throughout the world, has again prosecuted the most U.S. design patents to issuance by a law firm in a calendar year.

Calendar year 2011 marked the ninth consecutive year that Banner & Witcoff has procured more U.S. design patents than any other law firm. Banner & Witcoff procured 543 U.S. design patents on behalf of its clients in 2011, which is more than the combined total procured by the second and third place firms. Electrolux, Microsoft, NIKE, Nokia, PepsiCo and Toshiba collectively accounted for the majority of design patents procured by Banner & Witcoff in 2011.

This year also marks the sixth consecutive year that Banner & Witcoff prosecuted more than 500 design patents in a calendar year. Since the year 2006, Banner & Witcoff has procured more than 4,300 U.S. design patents; that is over 900 design patents more than the combined number of U.S. design patents procured by the second and third place law firms for that period of time.

"These accomplishments are a result of our design-driven clients and our innovative design team. We look forward to continuing to work with the most innovative corporations and designers in the world and assisting them in the protection of their designs." – Robert S. Katz, principal shareholder at Banner & Witcoff.

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