Banner & Witcoff, six attorneys recognized for patent prosecution and litigation in 2017 IAM Patent 1000

Banner & Witcoff is recognized for patent prosecution and litigation in Illinois, and patent prosecution in Washington, D.C. in the 2017 edition of the *IAM Patent 1000.*

Ross A. Dannenberg, Robert S. Katz and Darrell G. Mottley are recognized for patent prosecution in Washington, D.C.; John P. Iwanicki is recognized for patent prosecution in Massachusetts; and Timothy C. Meece and Christopher J. Renk are recognized for patent litigation in Illinois.

Robert S. Katz and Darrell G. Mottley are also recognized for design patent work in the United States.

IAM said this of Banner & Witcoff's Illinois office:

Storied boutique Banner & Witcoff offers one of the most well-rounded patent services in the country; it files well over 1,000 US utility patents annually, handles a large volume of important litigations and post-grant proceedings, and maintains the country's leading design patent procurement service. With respect to the Chicago team, clients shine a spotlight on its contentious proficiency, drawing particular attention to classy operators Christopher Renk and Timothy Meece. Renk's recent activities include actions for Nike – in one case, he obtained a preliminary injunction for the sports giant after a Chinese enterprise infringed its design patents. "Chris is intelligent, friendly and practical; he understands business and can clearly explain complicated patent issues to non-IP folks." "Tim Meece provides amazingly thorough legal opinions which reflect his structured understanding of clients' businesses, and which aid decision making. He provides excellent insight on multi-jurisdictional strategies and can think outside the box as a commercial adviser." Of late, his work has included a crucial victory at the Federal Circuit for Lexmark International concerning the scope of the first sale doctrine under patent law; the case is now pending before the Supreme Court.

IAM said this of the firm's Washington, D.C. office:

One of Banner & Witcoff's chief claims to fame is its exemplary design patent expertise; its DC office contributes two individuals, Robert Katz and Darrell Mottley, out of a total of seven, to the IAM Patent 1000's US national design patent experts list. Katz receives international acclaim for his understanding of the field and – as testament to the quality that flows from his pen – the rights he has prepared have been winningly enforced and formed the centrepiece of lucrative transactions. He and former DC bar president Mottley cover all angles when acting together for Microsoft, which has entrusted them with its full design patent portfolio; Nike is another of the elite pair's premier clients. Across the spectrum of IP rights, the firm runs a "consistently good prosecution programme." Ross Dannenberg has lately been coming up with the goods for Citrix Systems, patenting various software technologies. Experienced in all facets of computer science, he has carved a niche in the video gaming world, setting high scores with his work, even when faced with fiendish levels of difficulty.

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