Banner Witcoff to Announce Recipient of Free Patent Application at Hardware Cup Finals

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As part of the firm's sponsorship of the 2020 AlphaLab Gear Hardware Cup, Banner Witcoff will announce on May 19 which finalist will receive free legal services for the preparation and filing of a U.S. patent application.

The Hardware Cup is an international pitch competition for early-stage hardware startups. Six regional competitions already took place in Pittsburgh, Boston, Washington, D.C., Raleigh, Chicago, and San Jose, as well as several international competitions. At each event, startups gave three-minute pitches to a panel of judges made up of local investors and venture capitalists.

The finals will be held virtually on May 19, when the winning team will be awarded a $50,000 grand prize. During the event, Banner Witcoff attorney Justin Philpott will announce the winner of the Banner Witcoff free patent application award. It will mark the first time a patent application was offered as part of the competition.

"We have seen some excellent pitches from many startups throughout this year's competition," Justin said. "And we look forward to the difficult decision ahead in selecting a winner of the Banner Witcoff free patent application award."

To view a list of the finalists and to register to attend the virtual finals, click here.