

## Banner & Witcoff's IP LawyerTM: Free iPhone Application Providing Full Search Access to Patents, Trademarks, and IP Litigation Resources

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August 10, 2010 – Banner & Witcoff, Ltd., a leading intellectual property law firm dedicated to the procurement, enforcement and litigation of intellectual property rights throughout the world, launches Banner & Witcoff's IP Lawyer<sup>TM</sup>. Banner & Witcoff's IP Lawyer<sup>TM</sup> is an iPhone application providing iPhone-customized full search access to patents and trademarks issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office as well as corresponding assignments. Banner & Witcoff's IP Lawyer<sup>TM</sup> also provides a comprehensive library with up-to-date Patent Local Rules for district courts throughout the country, the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the Federal Rules of Evidence, the Manual Patent Examination and Procedure, the U.S. Constitution, 37 C.F.R., links to international patent offices, and additional tools and resources. The application provides user-friendly direct access to patents, trademarks, and to a document library without connecting through a cumbersome page formatted for a web browser. Banner & Witcoff's IP Lawyer<sup>TM</sup> provides dynamic search capabilities for searching US patents, including the ability to search by keyword, patent number, assignee, and many other patent fields. Users may further search within the text of the patent, and can also download actual patent images. Once a patent is identified, assignment information is immediately accessible.

Banner & Witcoff's IP Lawyer<sup>TM</sup> provides a free, convenient way to check if an idea has already been patented, or to quickly and easily review a specific patent document. This iPhone application is also a resource for off-site meetings with attorneys, clients or inventors, and for litigators in the courthouse who need fast and easy access to Federal statutes and rules, as well as local patent rules. The content of Banner & Witcoff's IP Lawyer <sup>TM</sup> is intended for informational purposes only and is not legal advice.

"Banner & Witcoff's IP Lawyer<sup>TM</sup> is designed to include useful resources for IP attorneys, inventors, small business owners and anyone interested in being able to quickly search for intellectual property information," said Ross Dannenberg and Tim Meece, Banner & Witcoff shareholders who respectively helped develop Banner & Witcoff's IP Lawyer <sup>TM</sup> from the different perspectives of patent prosecutors and patent trial attorneys.

Banner & Witcoff's IP Lawyer<sup>TM</sup> is available free of charge through the iTunes Store. http://www.bannerwitcoff.com/IPLawyer/<sup>I</sup> Please direct all media inquiries to Colleen Strasser at 312-463-5465 or cstrasser@bannerwitcoff.com.

[1] A video demonstration of Banner & Witcoff's IP Lawyer™ is also accessible through this link.

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