



D.C. Bar Spotlights Scott M. Kelly and Matt Becker's Patent Law Year in Review

The D.C. Bar recently spotlighted a year-end continuing legal education program presented by Banner Witcoff's Matthew P. Becker and Scott M. Kelly, where they reviewed pivotal patent law developments from 2025.

In a Jan. 14 blog post titled "USPTO Policy Shifts, Federal Circuit Cases in 2025 Signal New Era for Patent Law," the D.C. Bar outlined key takeaways from the duo's "Patent Law Year in Review 2025" CLE webinar held Dec. 18, 2025. The article highlighted how Kelly and Becker examined significant U.S. Patent and Trademark Office policy changes and Federal Circuit case law that are shaping patent prosecution and litigation strategies.

During the virtual presentation, the Banner Witcoff attorneys walked attendees through major rulings from the Federal Circuit and PTAB, important shifts in patentable subject matter doctrine, evolving prior art standards, and procedural developments affecting inter partes review proceedings. Their analysis aimed to help practitioners anticipate legal trends and advise clients on navigating an increasingly complex intellectual property landscape.

The D.C. Bar article also quoted both Kelly and Becker on how their annual year-in-review format serves as a valuable resource for the bar's membership, providing context for developments that influence how patents are obtained, challenged and enforced.

The full D.C. Bar article can be found by [clicking here](#).

The annual "Patent Law Year in Review" was also presented during a [Corporate IP Roundtable](#) webinar on January 14, 2026.

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