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(Washington, D.C., July 10, 2008) – Banner & Witcoff Ltd., one of the largest law firms in the United States dedicated solely to the practice of intellectual property law, is pleased to announce that partners, [Dale H. Hoscheit](#), [Frederic M. Meeker](#) and [Joseph M. Skerpon](#), were requested by the Commercial Law Development Program (CLDP) of the U.S. Department of Commerce, Office of General Counsel to provide advice to an official Ukrainian delegation charged with the responsibility of drafting a new trade secret law for the Eastern European country.

CLDP provides commercial law technical assistance to governments and private sectors of developing and transitional countries in support of their economic development goals. The program draws from expertise throughout the U.S. Government, as well as leading professionals from the private sector and international organizations to implement their programs.

Banner & Witcoff attorneys participated in extensive discussions with the Ukrainian delegation during their visit to the United States and were asked to provide expert advice on U.S. legislation and practice regarding trade secret protection and enforcement. The delegation is actively pursuing the initiative and it is expected that a draft of the legislation will be prepared by the end of 2008. Banner & Witcoff has decades of experience counseling clients and litigating trade secret matters.

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