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Chicago, IL - August 1, 2001. **Dr. Kenneth Smolik**, an electrical engineer with over 30 years experience in complex telecommunications technologies, joins Banner & Witcoff, Ltd. in its Chicago office as a patent agent.

"Ken brings to the firm a wealth of experience from his years at Lucent" said Thomas Pratt, recruiting attorney at Banner & Witcoff. "He has direct experience with the patent process, including helping companies identify strategic intellectual property goals. Ken is a welcome addition to our practice."

While at Lucent Technologies, Ken was involved in wireless technologies including hardware design, prototype development of FDMA wireless systems, systems engineering, wireless standards representation, and applications engineering. Ken worked as an engineer and a patent agent, writing patent applications in the area of telecommunications. He was also awarded several patents by the U.S. Patent Office, including the following:

- 6,119,005 - System for Automated Determination of Handoff Neighbor List
- 5,278,892 - Mobile Telephone System Call Processing Arrangement
- 5,195,090 - Wireless Access Telephone-to-Telephone Network Interface Architecture
- 4,698,769 - Supervisory Audio Tone Detection in a Radio Channel
- 4,300,862 - Signal Characteristics State Detector Using Interval-count Procession Method

Ken co-authored *Applications of CDMA in Wireless/Personal Communications* published by Prentice-Hall. He is a registered agent with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, a member of the ECE Advisory Board (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign), a Senior Member of Institute for Electrical and Electronic Engineers and a member of Tau Beta Pi, Eta Kappa Nu, and Sigma Xi. He has also served as Adjunct Professor at the Illinois Institute of Technology since 1996.

Ken received a B.S., *with highest honors*, and a M.S. in Electrical Engineering from the University of Illinois. In 1981, he received a Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering from Stevens Institute of Technology.

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