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Eliza focuses her practice on helping clients protect, strengthen, and strategically leverage their intellectual property. She advises innovators across a wide range of technologies, such as electrical systems, avionics and flight control systems, telecommunications, financial services, software, data security, artificial intelligence, and autonomous systems—providing practical, business-aligned guidance on patent prosecution, litigation, and portfolio development.

Clients benefit from Eliza's uniquely integrated background of engineering, industry, and government experience. Before entering private practice, Eliza served as a patent examiner at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), where she examined applications involving computerized vehicle controls, robotics, wave-based communication, and nuclear systems. Her commitment to quality was recognized by the Office of Patent Quality Assurance (OPQA). She also brings prior industry experience as a lead electrical engineer at the Naval Air Systems Command (NAVAIR), where she specialized in electrical power systems for the T-45 trainer aircraft. This background gives her a deep understanding of how the technologies she protects work and how to communicate them effectively to the USPTO, courts, and stakeholders.

Eliza earned her Juris Doctor from the University of Baltimore School of Law while working full time, demonstrating the work ethic and commitment she brings to her clients. During law school, she was both a Banner Witcoff summer associate and a full-time law clerk. She also worked as a student attorney in the Community Development Clinic, providing pro bono legal services to nonprofits, small businesses, and community organizations.

Eliza is active in the broader intellectual property community and currently serves as treasurer of the Korean American Intellectual Property Bar Association (KAIPBA).

Outside of her legal practice, she manages a small portfolio of investment properties, competes in USA Powerlifting (USAPL) events, hikes with her dog, and enjoys hosting dinner clubs with friends.

Eliza is admitted to practice in the State of Maryland. Practice in the District of Columbia is limited to matters and proceedings before federal courts and agencies.

Education

University of Maryland, College Park
2017, B.S., Electrical Engineering

University of Baltimore School of Law
2025, J.D., *Cum Laude*

Admissions

Bar Admissions
2025, Maryland

Practices

Counseling, Opinions + Licensing
Litigation
PTAB Litigation

Industries

Electrical + Computer Technologies
Internet, E-Commerce + Business Methods

Accolades

- Donald W. Banner Diversity Fellowship (2023)
- John & Frances Angelos Law Scholarship (2021-2025)
- 3 Accolades from the Office of Patent Quality Assurance (OPQA) at the USPTO (2021-2023)

Affiliations/Memberships

Korean American Intellectual Property Bar Association
Intellectual Property Law Student Association (IPLSA)
Royal Graham Shannonhouse III Honor Society

Recent News + Events + Related Publications

NEWS - 04.17.26

PTAB Highlights | Takeaways from Recent Decisions in Post-Issuance Proceedings

NEWS - 03.13.26

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NEWS - 12.02.25

Banner Witcoff Welcomes Four New Associates