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Kirk's work in the U.S. and in Asia, tied with his experience with Fortune 500 companies and startups, provides him the know-how to counsel clients at all stages of invention, patent prosecution, intellectual property enforcement, and litigation.

Kirk began his legal career in Tokyo, and routinely works with U.S., Japanese, Korean, Chinese, and European intellectual property matters. Kirk's cases have involved a broad range of technologies, including computer networking, cellular communications, video gaming, virtual reality, machine learning/artificial intelligence, military weapons systems, blockchain technologies, aerospace flight systems, video encoding, petroleum engineering, optoelectronics, data storage, magnetics, agronomy, and toys. Kirk has been certified by the University of Hong Kong as a FinTech professional and is also an IBM-certified Machine Learning Professional, a Google-certified cybersecurity professional, and a Government Blockchain Association-certified Blockchain Legal Specialist. Kirk also speaks Japanese and is actively studying Korean.

One of Managing IP's Rising Stars, Kirk has successfully represented both plaintiffs and defendants in multimillion-dollar patent infringement trials in federal court. He has counseled Fortune 500 companies on topics including patent portfolio management and intellectual property enforcement.

An active member of the business community both in Washington, D.C., and abroad, Kirk has counseled startups and spoken at startup and M&A conferences around the world. Kirk is also a frequent contributor to the blog Patent Arcade, where he writes on video game intellectual property law.

Before joining Banner Witcoff, in addition to his intellectual property practice, Kirk worked with clients in response to Department of Justice, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, and Securities and Exchange Commission investigations that involved technical issues such as data security.

Kirk devotes a significant amount of his time to charity and pro bono matters. He has successfully represented a Guantanamo Bay detainee in military proceedings, victims of sexual violence in U-Visa proceedings, and numerous adults and minors in other immigration proceedings. He also routinely prepares testamentary documents for indigent senior citizens. Outside of the law, Kirk is the head of a charity events organization in Washington, D.C., where he seeks to provide fundraising opportunity to local nonprofits and causes.

Education

Wake Forest University
2010, B.A.

Cornell Law School
2013, J.D.

Temple University
2017, M.B.A.

Arizona State University
2018, B.S., Electrical Engineering

Languages

Japanese

Conversational

Admissions

Bar Admissions

2013, District of Columbia

2013, Virginia

Court Admissions

District of Columbia Court of Appeals

Superior Court of the District of Columbia

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia

Practices

Copyright

Counseling, Opinions + Licensing

Counterfeit Goods Seizure

Jury Trials

Litigation

PTAB Litigation

Patent Prosecution

Trade Dress

Trade Secrets

Trademarks

Industries

Electrical + Computer Technologies

Internet, E-Commerce + Business Methods

Accolades

Named to Managing Intellectual Property Rising Stars list, 2021.

Recent News + Events + Related Publications

NEWS - 11.05.24

Kirk Sigmon Quoted in InformationWeek on the Intellectual Property Risks of Generative AI

PRESS - 09.26.24

Kirk Sigmon for PC Gamer: Breaking Down Nintendo's Palworld Lawsuit

EVENT - 08.13.24

Kirk Sigmon to Present on Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning in Bangkok, Thailand

EVENT - 03.11.24

Kirk Sigmon Speaks on Strategic IP Management and Patents in Innovation at Global IP ConfEx

EVENT - 03.11.24

Kirk Sigmon Acts as Judge in 2024 USPTO National Patent Application Drafting Competition

EVENT - 01.12.24

Kirk Sigmon Attends WIPF Bengaluru 2024

NEWS - 11.03.23

Kirk Sigmon Explores 10 Strange Food Patents and Why They Exist for Food Manufacturing

LIBRARY - 10.20.23

Kirk Sigmon Quoted in Guatamalan Newspaper on Video Game Law and Violence

EVENT - 10.10.23

WITCON Delivered Explores AI at Bank of America in Charlotte, North Carolina

EVENT - 10.10.23

Kirk Sigmon Discusses Patenting and Copyrighting AI at The Global Intellectual Property Conference

EVENT - 09.29.23

Kirk Sigmon Joins Multiple Panel Discussions at the IIPLA USA 2023/WLF 2023 LegalTech Summit USA

NEWS - 09.21.23

Nerds v. Nintendo: Kirk Sigmon Discusses Copyright, Emulation, and All Things Video Games on Cardozo Law Review Podcast

PRESS - 09.11.23

Bottle Battles: Lawsuits in the World of Alcohol Bottling

LIBRARY - 05.31.23

Patent Protection for Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning

NEWS - 05.18.23

AI and Patents: A Quick Primer

EVENT - 05.09.23

Kirk Sigmon to Participate in ChatGPT and IP Roundtable Webinar

EVENT - 04.28.23

Kirk Sigmon Participates in IP & Secret Sauce - Virtual Round Table Discussion: Building a Robust Invention Harvesting Program - is there a Special Sauce?

NEWS - 04.24.23

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EVENT - 03.28.23

Kirk Sigmon Joins Lex Machina Patent Litigation Panel Discussion

EVENT - 02.09.23

Kirk Sigmon Presents at Temple Spine Symposium Ortho Grand Rounds: Innovations in Spine Surgery

EVENT - 01.30.23

Kirk Sigmon to Speak at Motor & Drive Systems Conference

[Featured, Non-news/events/press, general content etc. - 11.16.22](#)

Kirk Sigmon to Present on Prior Art Searches at IP Service

[EVENT - 10.03.22](#)

Kirk Sigmon to Present on Patenting Artificial Intelligence at World IP Forum in Bangkok

[NEWS - 08.17.22](#)

Kirk Sigmon Explores the Implications of a Video Game Class Action on IP Rights for Law360

[EVENT - 05.05.22](#)

Kirk Sigmon Set to Speak on Blockchain and the Metaverse Panel at Upcoming IPR Gorilla

[NEWS - 04.29.22](#)

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[LIBRARY - 03.30.22](#)

Kirk Sigmon Provides Tips for Avoiding PR Disasters With Drafting Patents in Patent Lawyer Magazine

[LIBRARY - 03.11.22](#)

Kirk Sigmon Outlines Intellectual Property Traps in Everyday Operations for the Illinois Manufacturer

[NEWS - 01.25.22](#)

Banner Witcoff Elects Six New Shareholders - 50% Are Women In Chicago and Washington D.C.

[NEWS - 12.13.21](#)

Kirk Sigmon Awarded Thomas Edison Innovation Law and Policy Fellowship