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Laura focuses her practice on patent prosecution and client counseling. She also advises clients on post-grant proceedings, license negotiations, due diligence, and litigation. Laura has successfully drafted and prosecuted thousands of patent applications, primarily in the electrical, software, and computer arts.

Prior to law school, Laura was an electrical engineer for Polaroid Corporation. She designed and installed programmable logic controllers for the film assembly machines. She also was a patent examiner with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office where she examined patent applications in a variety of arts, including medical imaging, business methods, language translators, and control systems.

Laura's international patent-related experience allows her to prosecute US patent applications with an eye towards international prosecution. Earlier in her career, she was seconded to a Japanese patent agency in Tokyo, Japan. She was an advisor to the agency, as well as its corporate clients, on various aspects of US patent practice. Laura subsequently resided in the Tokyo office of a US law firm, during which she advised Japanese clients on patent validity and infringement issues.

In addition, Laura currently serves as Chair of the US Bar-European Patent Office Liaison Counsel, which regularly interfaces with top-level officials of the European Patent Office. She also served as Chair of the IP Practice in Europe Committee of the American Intellectual Property Law Association.

Laura's clients include US and multinational multi-billion dollar and mid-sized corporations, as well as emerging companies entering the US market. Representative technologies include telecommunications, semiconductor, computer, autonomous driving, automotive, cryptographic, software medical devices, software, and medical imaging.

Education

Boston University
1989, B.S.E.E.

Catholic University of America Columbus School of Law
1994, J.D.

Admissions

Bar Admissions

1994, Pennsylvania
1996, District of Columbia
2001, New York

Court Admissions

District of Columbia Court of Appeals
Superior Court of the District of Columbia

Practices

Counseling, Opinions + Licensing
Design Patents
Patent Prosecution

Industries

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

Accolades

- IAM Patent 1000 Patent Prosecution, Globe Business Media Group's The World's Leading Patent Practitioners (2019-2023)

Affiliations/Memberships

Chair, US Bar - EPO Liaison Council
Representative to the US Bar - EPO Liaison Council, New York Intellectual Property Law Association
American Intellectual Property Law Association

Recent News + Events + Related Publications

NEWS - 01.27.25

Banner Witcoff Elects New President, Board Members, and Shareholders

EVENT - 11.22.24

Laura Brutman Chairs 40th US Bar-EPO Liaison Council Annual Meeting in Munich

NEWS - 06.06.24

IAM Patent 1000 Recognizes 14 Banner Witcoff Attorneys, Patent Prosecution, and Litigation Practices

NEWS - 11.21.23

Laura Brutman Elected Chair of the US Bar-European Patent Office Liaison Council

NEWS - 06.27.23

IAM 1000 Recognizes 15 Banner Witcoff Attorneys, Patent Prosecution, and Litigation Practices

NEWS - 07.06.22

Banner Witcoff's Patent Prosecution and Litigation Practices Recognized in IAM 1000