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Shawn's practice is primarily focused on the preparation and prosecution of utility and design patent applications in the United States and internationally, including Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) Applications. Shawn also has experience with patent appeal proceedings before the U.S. Patent Trial and Appeals Board (PTAB). In addition, Shawn also has experience regarding validity and infringement opinions.

Shawn has consulted Fortune 500 companies as well as solo inventors and provides patent rights consultation and portfolio management to best suit the needs of each type of client. Shawn also has over ten years of experience as an electrical engineer working in a variety of different technologies, which he is able to effectively leverage into his practice to focus on a wide range of patents. A sampling of such technologies includes antennas, various types of sensors such as magnetic field sensors, electro-mechanical and mechanical systems, wireless communication systems, medical imaging systems, autonomous driving systems, and machine-learning.

Prior to joining Banner Witcoff, Shawn was a patent examiner for the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), where he gained valuable insight regarding the USPTO's internal requirements and expectations.

Education

University of Illinois at Chicago
1999, B.S.E.E.

DePaul University College of Law
2008, J.D.

Admissions

Bar Admissions

2009, Illinois
2012, District of Columbia

Court Admissions

District of Columbia Court of Appeals
Superior Court of the District of Columbia
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

Practices

Design Patents
Patent Prosecution

Industries

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

Medical Devices

Accolades

- Recognized in “Best Lawyers in America: Ones to Watch," 2025

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Banner Witcoff Attorneys Named to Best Lawyers in America Guide

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