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When clients have new technologies they would like to protect, Sarah helps them brainstorm and anticipate future uses and applications of the technology in alternative fields. Recognizing how crucial these explorations are to obtaining appropriate protection for the technology as it is currently practiced and as it may develop over the course of the life of a patent, Sarah works to protect her clients' technologies so they will be successful in the marketplace. Capitalizing on her many years in practice, Sarah practices with an eye to the future, looking ahead to the full life cycle of a patent. Is a swift allowance of a patent application desirable? What will result in a swift allowance? Having been involved in a variety of adversarial proceedings, she constructs the foundational documents focused on future attacks, and how they can be avoided and/or rebutted. What will result in a strong patent?

Sarah loves learning about new discoveries. Based on her background in biotechnology research, she has focused on related technologies in her legal practice. These include areas of cancer genetics, virology, immunotherapeutics, immunodiagnosics, neurological disease treatments, recombinant organisms, tissue engineering, oncology treatments and assessments, hematology factors and diseases, multifunctional antibody constructs, therapeutic agent manufacturing methods, allergic diseases, nucleic acid analysis methodology, and ophthalmological treatments.

Sarah's leadership positions both within the law firm (board of directors) and in the community (committee chairs and president) help her take a holistic view of how any individual project fits into the goals of the entire organization. She leverages this experience in respectfully working toward achieving agreement with other parties.

Keeping up to date on developments in patent law is important to Sarah, who regularly shares her analysis of new cases, especially from the Federal Circuit. Sarah's articles and client alerts can be found in the [Library](#).

#### Education

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Brandeis University  
1976, B.A., Biology

University of Wisconsin  
1981, Ph.D., Molecular Biology

George Washington University Law School  
1988, J.D.

#### Admissions

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**Bar Admissions**  
1989, District of Columbia

#### **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. Supreme Court

#### **Practices**

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Counseling, Opinions + Licensing  
Patent Interferences  
Patent Prosecution

#### **Industries**

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Life Sciences + Pharmaceuticals

#### **Recent News + Events + Related Publications**

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##### **NEWS - 07.07.25**

Banner Witcoff and 16 Shareholders Earn Top Marks in Managing IP's 2025 IP Stars

##### **NEWS - 06.04.25**

16 Banner Witcoff Attorneys Recognized in IP Stars 2025

##### **NEWS - 06.04.24**

IP Stars 2024 Recognizes 17 Banner Witcoff Attorneys

##### **NEWS - 08.28.23**

Managing IP Recognizes 18 Banner Witcoff Attorneys in 2023 "IP Stars" Guide