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Sonia focuses primarily on design patent and trademark prosecution, counseling, and enforcement matters. She prepares and prosecutes design patent applications on a global scale and assists in design patent counseling for various multinational companies. She also helps with the prosecution and enforcement of trademark matters for numerous clients.

As a shareholder, Sonia successfully leverages her years of experience in Banner Witcoff's Design Department, where she served as a design patent prosecution specialist, a paralegal, and eventually a senior paralegal. She has experience managing the global design portfolios for several Fortune 500 companies and acting as a mentor to new and current staff members. Sonia was also a law clerk at Banner Witcoff for over a year before transitioning to associate and eventually shareholder.

Sonia graduated from The George Washington University Law School in May 2020 with a Juris Doctor degree. Her article, "Virtual Influencers: Stretching the Boundaries of Intellectual Property Governing Digital Creations" was published in the American Bar Association's Landslide magazine, and her note, "Determining the 'Article of Manufacture' in Augmented Reality and Virtual Reality Design Patents," was published in the Winter 2020 issue of the American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA) Quarterly Journal.

Sonia 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

Georgetown University
2015, B.A., English

George Washington University Law School
2020, J.D.

Admissions

Bar Admissions
2020, Maryland
2022, 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

Practices

Counseling, Opinions + Licensing
Design Patents
Litigation
Trademarks

Affiliations/Memberships

South Asian Bar Association of Washington, D.C. (SABA-DC)

Mid-Atlantic Black Law Students Association

National Black Law Students Association

Recent News + Events + Related Publications

PRESS - 11.03.26

Banner Witcoff is proud to contribute to the latest edition of Panoramic: Designs (USA) by Lexology.

EVENT - 09.21.26

Banner Witcoff Attends The 2026 AIPLA Annual Meeting

PRESS - 08.05.26

Lexology Panoramic: Designs

NEWS - 03.13.26

IP Alert | USPTO’s Updated Guidelines for Graphical User Interface and Screen Designs

EVENT - 10.28.25

Sonia Okolie Presents at the Design Rights Summit

NEWS - 01.27.25

Banner Witcoff Elects New President, Board Members, and Shareholders

NEWS - 01.25.24

Banner Witcoff's Kamaram Munira and Sonia Okolie Selected for Leadership Council on Legal Diversity Pathfinder Program