

Government & Higher Education

Intellectual Property Counsel for Public-Sector Innovation

Government agencies and government-affiliated organizations are increasingly responsible for developing, managing, and deploying critical technologies. Banner Witcoff's Government practice provides intellectual property counsel to government agencies, public-sector entities, government contractors, and organizations operating at the intersection of innovation and public service.

We help clients navigate the complex legal frameworks governing government-related intellectual property while protecting valuable inventions and supporting technology deployment.

Our Government Services

Patents and Innovations Developed with Government Involvement

We advise clients on intellectual property arising from government-funded research and development, including:

- Patent rights under federal funding frameworks
- Ownership and licensing considerations
- Coordination with agency requirements and reporting obligations

Our team helps clients protect innovation while complying with applicable laws and regulations that allow universities, non-profit research institutions, and small businesses to own, patent, and commercialize inventions developed using federally funded research.

Licensing and Technology Deployment

Banner Witcoff assists government agencies and contractors in structuring licensing and collaboration agreements that enable technology transfer, commercialization, and public use while safeguarding IP rights.

Enforcement and Dispute Resolution

We represent government-related entities in IP disputes, including patent validity challenges, enforcement actions, and administrative proceedings, drawing on our experience before federal courts, the USPTO, the ITC, and other government agencies.

Strategic IP Counseling

We provide strategic advice on portfolio development, risk management, and enforcement considerations for government-funded technologies across diverse industries.

Experience and Recognition

- Banner Witcoff has a long history of advising clients operating within government and publicly funded innovation ecosystems.
 - Our attorneys understand the regulatory and contractual considerations unique to public-sector IP.
 - The firm's technical breadth supports government-related innovation across science, engineering, software, and emerging technologies.
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Why Government Clients Choose Banner Witcoff

Regulatory Awareness

We navigate the complex IP rules governing public-sector innovation.

Technical and Legal Depth

Our attorneys combine advanced technical backgrounds with IP law experience.

Integrated Strategy

We align IP protection, licensing, and enforcement within government requirements and frameworks.

Practical, Mission-Focused Advice

We support innovation while respecting public-interest and compliance obligations.

Supporting Innovation in the Public Interest

Banner Witcoff's Government practices deliver intellectual property strategies that protect innovation, enable collaboration, and advance research and technology for public benefit.

Relevant Practices

Appellate Litigation

Brand Protection

Copyright Registrations and Enforcement

Counseling, Opinions + Licensing

Counterfeit Goods Seizure

Design Patents

Jury Trials

Litigation

Patent Interferences

PTAB Litigation

Patent Prosecution

Section 337/ITC Litigation

Trade Dress

Trade Secrets

Trademarks