

**Christopher Galfano**

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Chris focuses his practice on preparing and prosecuting patent applications primarily in the life sciences and biotechnology, chemical sciences, and mechanical arts. Representative technologies include gene editing and related therapies, vaccines, devices directed to nerve regeneration, photomechanical treatment of skin pigmentations and pigmented lesions, systems and methods for the ablation of undesirable cellular tissue such as cancerous or non-cancerous tumors, cranial intervention devices, chemical compositions for the preservation of whole blood sample antibodies, synthetic cannabinoid compounds, and genetically modified tobacco plants.

Chris also has experience in procuring design patents and providing counseling on patent infringement risks and strategies for reducing such risks, as well as preparing freedom-to-operate, non-infringement and invalidity opinions for utility and design patents.

Additionally, Chris has participated in all aspects of inter partes review (IPR) proceedings and won multiple IPR proceedings before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's Patent Trial and Appeal Board, invalidating all challenged claims in patents related to cable television systems and communication software, claims in a patent directed to using blue light to inactivate certain types of bacteria, and claims in a patent directed to chemical compositions for use in sealing automobile tires.

Prior to joining Banner Witcoff, Chris served in the United States Marine Corps as an F/A-18D Weapon Systems Officer and Forward Air Controller. He is a graduate of the United States Navy Fighter Weapons School, TOP GUN, and has conducted multiple overseas deployments, including combat operations in Iraq and Afghanistan.

He earned his Juris Doctor, cum laude, from the Chicago-Kent College of Law, where he was an associate editor of the Chicago-Kent Journal of Intellectual Property. While in law school, Chris served as a judicial extern for the Honorable William V. Gallo of the United States District Court for the Southern District of California. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from the U.S. Air Force Academy.

Education

United States Air Force Academy
B.S.

Chicago - Kent College of Law
J.D., *Cum Laude*

Admissions

Bar Admissions

2015, Illinois
2019, Idaho
2021, Texas

Court Admissions

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit

U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois
U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin
U.S. District Court for the District of Idaho
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

Practices

Counseling, Opinions + Licensing
Design Patents
PTAB Litigation
Patent Prosecution

Industries

Chemistry + Chemical Engineering
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