

**Katie Laatsch Fink**

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Recognized as one of Chicago's most notable women lawyers, Katie represents clients in litigation and provides counseling on a broad range of issues involving patents, trademarks, trade dress, copyrights and trade secrets.

Katie has significant experience managing and litigating intellectual property matters. Knowledgeable in all aspects of litigation from discovery and motion practice to trial and appeal, she has successfully achieved her clients' business goals in enforcing intellectual property rights and defending against infringement allegations.

Katie also actively manages the trademark portfolios for several clients — from startup companies to large corporations. She counsels clients in protecting trademark rights and procurement of trademark registrations in the U.S. and internationally, and provides client-oriented strategies for coverage of rights. She also manages trademark opposition proceedings globally and has achieved numerous decisions resulting in favorable outcomes for her clients.

As a member of the International Trademark Association (INTA), the American Intellectual Property Law Association and the Intellectual Property Law Association of Chicago, Katie speaks and writes on various intellectual property topics and to a wide range of audiences, including IP practitioners, investors and dealmakers in the M&A market, and exit planning professionals. Katie is also a proud member of the 2021 class of Leadership Council on Legal Diversity Fellows and is committed to creating a more diverse legal profession.

At Banner Witcoff, Katie serves on the firm's Board of Directors. She previously co-chaired the recruiting committee, leading the firm's efforts to recruit top candidates, and served on the trademark and diversity committees.

Prior to becoming an attorney, Katie earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Systems Engineering and worked as a program analyst for Lockheed Martin Information Technology under a contract with the Federal Aviation Administration. During law school, Katie served as a judicial extern for the Honorable Amy J. St. Eve of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois.

Education

University of Pennsylvania
2002, B.S., Systems Engineering

Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law
2007, J.D.

Admissions

Bar Admissions
2007, Illinois

Court Admissions
Supreme Court of Illinois
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit
U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois

Practices

Copyright
Counseling, Opinions + Licensing
Counterfeit Goods Seizure
Litigation
Trade Dress
Trademarks

Accolades

- Recognized as one of Chicago's Notable Women Lawyers by Crain's Chicago Business, 2018
- Named an Illinois Rising Star by Super Lawyers, 2013-19.
- Selected for inclusion on Super Lawyers' Top Women Illinois Lawyers list, 2013

Affiliations/Memberships

Member, International Trademark Association
Member, American Intellectual Property Law Association
Member, Intellectual Property Law Association of Chicago

Recent News + Events + Related Publications

NEWS - 03.16.21

Katie Laatsch Fink Named a 2021 Leadership Council on Legal Diversity Fellow

NEWS - 02.19.21

WTR 1000 Recognizes Banner Witcoff's Trademark Practice, Trio of Attorneys

NEWS - 01.22.21

Banner Witcoff Elects New President, Board Members and Shareholder Class

NEWS - 02.14.20

WTR 1000 Ranks Banner Witcoff as Top Trademark Firm, Recognizes Five Attorneys

NEWS - 01.14.20

25 Banner Witcoff Attorneys Listed as 2020 Leading, Emerging Lawyers

NEWS - 12.10.19

INTA Appoints Three Banner Witcoff Attorneys to Serve on Committees

EVENT - 07.11.19

Banner Witcoff Trio to Speak at Global M&A Conference

EVENT - 06.20.19

Katie Laatsch Fink and Timothy Rechtien to Discuss IP Rights at The Exit Planning Summit

NEWS - 01.31.19

Twenty-three Banner & Witcoff attorneys named 2019 Illinois Super Lawyers and Rising Stars

EVENT - 08.09.18

Joseph J. Berghammer and Katie Laatsch Fink present "The Resurrection of Niche Fame" at the 2018 Midwest IP Institute in Minneapolis

NEWS - 08.03.18

Banner & Witcoff Enforces Buc-ee's Famous Logo with Jury Verdict on All Counts

NEWS - 07.30.18

Katie Laatsch Fink and Rebecca Rokos Named Notable Women Lawyers in Chicago

NEWS - 06.14.18

Banner & Witcoff sponsored Boys & Girls Clubs of America's 2018 Southwest Youth of the Year Celebration in Dallas