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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. Additionally, Katie serves on the INTA Famous and Well-Known Marks Committee. Katie is also an active member of Chicago Women in IP (ChiWIP), serving as co-chair for the Scholarship Committee for the 2024-2025 year. 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

Katie Laatsch Fink

Supreme Court of Illinois
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit
U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin
U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois
U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

Practices

Jury Trials
Litigation
Section 337/ITC Litigation
Trade Dress
Trademarks

Accolades

- Named in Crain's Chicago Business Notable Gen X Leaders in Accounting, Consulting, and Law, 2022
- Recognized as one of Chicago's Notable Women Lawyers by Crain's Chicago Business, 2022
- Selected as an Illinois Leading Lawyer, 2022
- Recognized as an "IP Star" by Managing Intellectual Property, 2022
- Named an "Illinois Super Lawyer", 2023
- Recognized as a Leading Practitioner for Trademark Prosecution and Strategy in the 2024 edition of the World Trademark Review 1000
- 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, American Intellectual Property Law Association
Co-Chair, Scholarship Committee, Chicago Women in IP (ChiWIP)
Member, Intellectual Property Law Association of Chicago
Member, International Trademark Association

Recent News + Events + Related Publications

EVENT - 10.24.24

Design Law 2024: The Article of Manufacture

NEWS - 06.04.24

IP Stars 2024 Recognizes 17 Banner Witcoff Attorneys

NEWS - 02.09.24

World Trademark Review Ranks Banner Witcoff and Four Attorneys in 2024 WTR 1000: The World's Leading Trademark Professionals

NEWS - 01.19.24

2024 Illinois Super Lawyers and Rising Stars Features 15 Banner Witcoff Attorneys

[NEWS - 08.28.23](#)

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

[EVENT - 04.19.23](#)

Banner Witcoff presents WITCON Delivered

[NEWS - 02.16.23](#)

WTR 1000 Recognizes Banner Witcoff's Trademark Practice, Three Attorneys

[EVENT - 02.13.23](#)

Katie Fink and Anna King to Speak on IPLAC Panel on the Metaverse, NFTs, and Trends in Trademark Law

[NEWS - 01.24.23](#)

17 Banner Witcoff Attorneys Named 2023 Illinois Super Lawyers and Rising Stars

[NEWS - 12.08.22](#)

Banner Witcoff's Binal Patel and Katie Laatsch Fink Named Crain's 2022 Notable Gen X Leaders in Accounting, Consulting and Law

[NEWS - 09.06.22](#)

Katie Laatsch Fink and Anna King Named Notable Women in Law in Crain's Chicago Business

[NEWS - 08.03.22](#)

Managing IP Recognizes 18 Banner Witcoff Attorneys in 2022 "IP Stars" Guide

[NEWS - 03.10.22](#)

Katie Laatsch Fink set to Participate in IP-Con Panel

[NEWS - 02.28.22](#)

WTR 1000 Recognizes Banner Witcoff's Trademark Practice, Three Attorneys

[NEWS - 01.31.22](#)

16 Banner Witcoff Attorneys Named 2022 Illinois Super Lawyers and Rising Stars

[NEWS - 12.29.21](#)

24 Banner Witcoff Attorneys Listed as 2022 Leading, Emerging Lawyers