



### **Kirk A. Sigmon**

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Kirk's work in the U.S. and in Asia, tied with his experience with Fortune 500 companies and startups, provides him the know-how to counsel clients at all stages of invention, patent prosecution, intellectual property enforcement, and litigation.

Kirk began his legal career in Tokyo, and routinely works with U.S., Japanese, Korean, Chinese, and European intellectual property matters. Kirk's cases have involved a broad range of technologies, including computer networking, cellular communications, video gaming, virtual reality, machine learning/artificial intelligence, military weapons systems, blockchain technologies, aerospace flight systems, video encoding, petroleum engineering, optoelectronics, data storage, magnetism, agronomy, and toys. Kirk is fluent in conversational Japanese.

One of Managing IP's Rising Stars, Kirk has successfully represented both plaintiffs and defendants in multimillion-dollar patent infringement trials in federal court. He has counseled Fortune 500 companies on topics including patent portfolio management and intellectual property enforcement.

An active member of the business community both in Washington, D.C., and abroad, Kirk has counseled startups and spoken at startup and M&A conferences around the world. Kirk is also a frequent contributor to the blog Patent Arcade, where he writes on video game intellectual property law.

Before joining Banner Witcoff, in addition to his intellectual property practice, Kirk worked with clients in response to Department of Justice, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, and Securities and Exchange Commission investigations that involved technical issues such as data security.

Kirk devotes a significant amount of his time to charity and pro bono matters. He has successfully represented a Guantanamo Bay detainee in military proceedings, victims of sexual violence in U-Visa proceedings, and numerous adults and minors in other immigration proceedings. He also routinely prepares testamentary documents for indigent senior citizens. Outside of the law, Kirk is the head of a charity events organization in Washington, D.C., where he seeks to provide fundraising opportunity to local nonprofits and causes.

#### **Education**

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B.A. 2010, Wake Forest University  
J.D. 2013, Cornell University  
M.B.A. 2017, Temple University  
B.S.E.E. 2018, Arizona State University

#### **Admissions**

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Bar Admissions  
2013, Virginia  
2013, District of Columbia

Court Admissions  
U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia

## **Practices**

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Copyright  
Counseling, Opinions + Licensing  
Counterfeit Goods Seizure  
Jury Trials  
Litigation  
PTAB Litigation  
Patent Prosecution  
Trade Dress  
Trade Secrets  
Trademarks

## **Industries**

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Electrical + Computer Technologies  
Internet, E-Commerce + Business Methods

## **Accolades**

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Named to Managing Intellectual Property Rising Stars list, 2019.

## **News + Events + Related Publications**

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### [PRESS - 01.28.20](#)

Banner Witcoff Elects New Class of Shareholders

### [NEWS - 12.06.19](#)

Apurv Gaurav and Kirk Sigmon Named 2019 Managing IP Rising Stars

### [NEWS - 12.05.19](#)

Azuka Dike and Kirk Sigmon Explore the Wearables Market in The Licensing Journal

### [NEWS - 10.29.19](#)

Banner Witcoff Attorneys Featured in Chicago Daily Law Bulletin Article

### [EVENT - 10.17.19](#)

Banner Witcoff Duo to Speak at Chicago Video Game Law Summit

### [EVENT - 07.11.19](#)

Banner Witcoff Trio to Speak at Global M&A Conference

### [NEWS - 10.23.18](#)

Kirk A. Sigmon and Scott M. Kelly write article on how to get patents directed to blockchain inventions in World Intellectual Property Review

### [NEWS - 09.11.18](#)

Kirk A. Sigmon writes article on five IP traps startups can avoid for World Intellectual Property Review

### [EVENT - 08.21.18](#)

Kirk A. Sigmon presents "Tips and Tricks for Startups in Protecting Their Copyrights, Patents, and Trademarks" at Startup PATH 2018 in Bucharest, Romania

### [NEWS - 06.15.18](#)

Scott M. Kelly and Kirk A. Sigmon write article on copyright issues presented by live streaming of video game inputs in Interactive Entertainment Law Review

### [NEWS - 05.24.18](#)

Binal J. Patel and Kirk A. Sigmon write two-part series on patent marking for Managing Intellectual Property  
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