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Laura focuses her practice on patent prosecution and client counseling. She also advises clients on post-grant proceedings, license negotiations, due diligence, and litigation. Laura has successfully drafted and prosecuted thousands of patent applications, primarily in the electrical, software, and computer arts.

Prior to law school, Laura was an electrical engineer for Polaroid Corporation. She designed and installed programmable logic controllers for the film assembly machines. She also was a patent examiner with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office where she examined patent applications in a variety of arts, including medical imaging, business methods, language translators, and control systems.

Laura's international patent-related experience allows her to prosecute US patent applications with an eye towards international prosecution. Earlier in her career, she was seconded to a Japanese patent agency in Tokyo, Japan. She was an advisor to the agency, as well as its corporate clients, on various aspects of US patent practice. Laura subsequently resided in the Tokyo office of a US law firm, during which she advised Japanese clients on patent validity and infringement issues.

In addition, Laura currently serves as Chair of the US Bar-European Patent Office Liaison Counsel, which regularly interfaces with top-level officials of the European Patent Office. She also served as Chair of the IP Practice in Europe Committee of the American Intellectual Property Law Association.

Laura's clients include US and multinational multi-billion dollar and mid-sized corporations, as well as emerging companies entering the US market. Representative technologies include telecommunications, semiconductor, computer, autonomous driving, automotive, cryptographic, software medical devices, software, and medical imaging.

**Education**

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Boston University  
1989, B.S.E.E.

The Catholic University of America Columbus School of Law  
1994, J.D.

**Admissions****Bar Admissions**

2001, New York  
1996, District of Columbia  
1994, Pennsylvania

**Court Admissions**

### Practices

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Counseling, Opinions + Licensing  
Design Patents  
Patent Prosecution

### Industries

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

### Accolades

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- IAM Patent 1000 Patent Prosecution, Globe Business Media Group's The World's Leading Patent Practitioners (2019-2023)

### Affiliations/Memberships

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Chair, US Bar - EPO Liaison Council  
Representative to the US Bar - EPO Liaison Council, New York Intellectual Property Law Association  
American Intellectual Property Law Association

### Recent News + Events + Related Publications

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#### **NEWS - 11.21.23**

**Laura Brutman Elected Chair of the US Bar-European Patent Office Liaison Council**

#### **NEWS - 06.27.23**

**IAM 1000 Recognizes 15 Banner Witcoff Attorneys, Patent Prosecution, and Litigation Practices**

#### **NEWS - 07.06.22**

**Banner Witcoff's Patent Prosecution and Litigation Practices Recognized in IAM 1000**

#### **NEWS - 03.09.22**

**Banner Witcoff Welcomes Three New Patent Prosecutors from Schiff Hardin**