

**Ross A. Dannenberg**

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With a background in computer science, Ross handles all facets of intellectual property relating to computer software. In addition to software patent prosecution, Ross has extensive experience with contentious copyright and trademark matters, including litigation, counseling and licensing, for companies in virtually every industry from video games and software development to healthcare and medical devices to craft brewing.

Ross, a lifetime fellow of the American Bar Foundation, is a recognized leader in video game intellectual property issues. He is an adjunct professor of Copyright Law and Video Game and Immersive Entertainment Law; the founder and editor-in-chief of the PatentArcade.com legal blog; editor and principal contributor of The American Bar Association's [Legal Guide to Video Game Development](#); editor of The American Bar Association's [Computer Games and Immersive Entertainment: Next Frontiers in Intellectual Property Law](#); and founding chair of the American Bar Association's IP Section Committee on Computer Games and Virtual Worlds. He also serves on the editorial board for the Interactive Entertainment Law Review (IELR), and has been a member of the Video Game Bar Association since its inception.

“Experienced in all facets of computer science, Ross has carved a niche in the video gaming world, setting high scores with his work, even when faced with fiendish levels of difficulty.” – IAM Patent 1000

Having obtained a patent of his own, Ross has prepared and/or prosecuted thousands of patent applications for others over his 20+ year legal career. He has patent experience with user-interfaces, mobile apps, web services, APIs, Internet routing and networking, blockchain, cryptocurrency, video game, telecommunications, embedded systems, and a multitude of other computer software-related technologies.

Ross' clients include multinational software, networking, and telecommunications companies, multiple video game companies having user bases of over 20 million users, video game developers and publishers of various sizes, and emerging technology companies.

Education

B.S. 1994, Georgia Institute of Technology
J.D. 2000, George Washington University

Admissions

Bar Admissions
2000, Virginia
2001, District of Columbia

Court Admissions
U.S. Supreme Court
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit
Supreme Court of Virginia
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit
U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia

Practices

Copyright
Design Patents
Litigation
Patent Prosecution
Trademarks

Industries

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

Accolades

- Named an "IP Star" by Managing Intellectual Property, 2013-19
- Recognized for his patent prosecution work, IAM Patent 1000: The World's Leading Patent Professionals, 2013-19
- Named to "Washington D.C. Super Lawyers," Super Lawyers, Thomson Reuters, 2013-18

Representative Matters

Since 2011, Ross has led the Banner Witcoff team that represents Citrix Systems in various intellectual property matters, including patent prosecution, portfolio management and counseling matters. The firm handles a significant portion of Citrix's patent prosecution matters and has secured patents in a number of different technologies, including remote desktops, virtualization, enterprise mobile security, online meeting and messaging applications, as well as design patent matters.

Represents a unicorn software startup in all intellectual property matters, helping to assess patentable inventions based on its innovative scalable distributed simulation management architecture, and develop a worldwide portfolio of patents, copyrights, and trademarks.

Lead the firm's ongoing representation of a major video game developer and publisher in patent prosecution, portfolio management, counseling and litigation. Helped the client quickly develop an initial portfolio of 20-plus video game patents in a number of different technologies, including user input techniques, user training, player matchmaking, and in-game features for its award winning and internationally successful franchise games.

Represented a regional craft brewery in a Trademark Trial and Appeal Board (TTAB) opposition proceeding, successfully defending its house mark against a third party claim of seniority, resulting in the third-party changing its name outright after a favorable decision following trial. Secured favorable outcomes in several other disputes regarding the brewery's house mark to lock down nationwide rights to the name, as well as other matters regarding individual beer names.

News + Events + Related Publications

[NEWS - 05.13.20](#)

Ross Dannenberg Discusses 'Comedians in Cars' Copyright Case in Bloomberg Law

[EVENT - 03.02.20](#)

Ross Dannenberg to Speak at IP and Video Games Event

[NEWS - 06.06.19](#)

IAM Patent 1000 Recognizes Banner Witcoff, Nine Attorneys for Patent Prosecution, Litigation

[NEWS - 05.31.19](#)

The Legal 500 Recognizes Banner Witcoff for Patent and Trademark Practices in 2019 Edition

[NEWS - 05.21.19](#)

Banner Witcoff, 17 Attorneys Recognized in Managing Intellectual Property's "IP Stars" 2019 Guide

[EVENT - 03.27.19](#)

Ross A. Dannenberg presents at More than Just a Game: V Edition in London

[NEWS - 03.14.19](#)

Aseet Patel and Ross Dannenberg discuss Blackbird Techs. v. Niantic, Inc. in IP Litigator

[NEWS - 05.24.18](#)

Banner & Witcoff, 17 attorneys recognized in 2018 MIP IP Stars

[NEWS - 04.23.18](#)

Eight Banner & Witcoff attorneys are named 2018 Washington, D.C. Super Lawyers and Rising Stars

[NEWS - 04.10.18](#)

The IPKat highlights Ross A. Dannenberg's discussion of lawsuits in the video game industry at the More than Just a Game: IV Edition in London

[NEWS - 03.15.18](#)

Banner & Witcoff, eight attorneys recognized for patent prosecution and litigation in 2018 IAM Patent 1000

[EVENT - 02.08.18](#)

Banner & Witcoff sponsors, Ross A. Dannenberg and Scott M. Kelly present at More than Just a Game: IV Edition in London

[EVENT - 02.07.18](#)

Ross A. Dannenberg judges Wargaming Legal Challenge at Games Industry Law Summit in Vilnius, Lithuania

[NEWS - 09.01.17](#)

Banner & Witcoff successfully defends client C&F Enterprises' free speech rights in trademark litigation

[NEWS - 06.07.17](#)

Banner & Witcoff, six attorneys recognized for patent prosecution and litigation in 2017 IAM Patent 1000

[NEWS - 06.02.17](#)

Sixteen Banner & Witcoff attorneys recognized as 2017 MIP IP Stars

[NEWS - 04.24.17](#)

Seven Banner & Witcoff attorneys are named 2017 Washington, D.C. Super Lawyers and Rising Stars

[NEWS - 03.20.17](#)

Banner & Witcoff congratulates client Guard Llama Inc. for appearance on ABC's "Shark Tank"

[NEWS - 09.21.16](#)

Ross A. Dannenberg discusses similarities between popular video games in Heat Street

[NEWS - 09.15.16](#)

IP Alert: McRO Inc. v. Bandai Namco Games America Inc. et al.

[NEWS - 08.08.16](#)

Ross A. Dannenberg discusses risks toy companies face in litigation against inventors in Bloomberg

[NEWS - 05.27.16](#)

Banner & Witcoff, four attorneys recognized in 2016 IAM Patent 1000

[NEWS - 05.19.16](#)

Thirteen Banner & Witcoff Attorneys Recognized as 2016 MIP IP Stars, Helen Hill Minsker among "Top 250 Women in IP"

[NEWS - 05.06.16](#)

Six Banner & Witcoff Attorneys are Named 2016 Washington, D.C. Super Lawyers and Rising Stars

[NEWS - 03.24.16](#)

Ross A. Dannenberg discusses IP issues with Russian magazine Legal Insight

[NEWS - 01.18.16](#)

Ross A. Dannenberg discusses Sony's failed attempt to trademark "Let's Play" in Gamasutra

[NEWS - 12.15.15](#)

IP Alert: Federal Circuit Hears Oral Arguments in *McRO v. Namco Bandai*: Will Patent-Eligibility of Computer Software Survive?

[NEWS - 11.25.15](#)

ABA Journal features Banner & Witcoff's Patent Arcade blog in 9th Annual Blawg 100

[NEWS - 11.20.15](#)

Twenty Banner & Witcoff attorneys named to 2015 Super Lawyers Business Edition

[NEWS - 07.28.15](#)

Ross A. Dannenberg discusses copyright dispute involving state of Georgia in World IP Review

[NEWS - 06.17.15](#)

Banner & Witcoff, four attorneys recognized in 2015 IAM Patent 1000

[NEWS - 04.20.15](#)

Seven Banner & Witcoff Attorneys are Named 2015 Washington, D.C. Super Lawyers and Rising Stars

[NEWS - 04.20.15](#)

Seven Banner & Witcoff Attorneys are Named 2015 Washington, D.C. Super Lawyers and Rising Stars

[NEWS - 01.22.15](#)

Ross A. Dannenberg discusses the Supreme Court's decision in *Hana Financial v. Hana Bank*

[NEWS - 12.10.14](#)

IP Alert: Supreme Court Considers Whether Judge or Jury Should Tackle Trademark "Tacking"

[NEWS - 06.26.14](#)

Ross A. Dannenberg discusses the Supreme Court's decision in *ABC v. Aereo*

[NEWS - 05.13.14](#)

Twelve Banner & Witcoff Attorneys Recognized as 2014 MIP IP Stars

[NEWS - 04.25.14](#)

Five Banner & Witcoff Attorneys are Named Washington, D.C. Super Lawyers

[NEWS - 04.21.14](#)

Ross A. Dannenberg discusses upcoming Supreme Court arguments in *ABC v. Aereo* in Law360

[NEWS - 11.27.13](#)

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[NEWS - 05.21.13](#)

Four Banner & Witcoff Attorneys are Named Washington, D.C. Super Lawyers

[PRESS - 03.25.13](#)

Banner & Witcoff Wins Video Game Lawsuit for World of Tanks® Developer Wargaming.net

[NEWS - 08.10.12](#)

Steve S. Chang and Ross A. Dannenberg comment on the copyright infringement issues in EA v. Zynga in Forbes

[PRESS - 08.09.12](#)

Banner & Witcoff Wins Preliminary Injunction in Online Video Game Lawsuit for World of Tanks® developer/publisher Wargaming.net LLP

[NEWS - 08.08.12](#)

Ross A. Dannenberg and Steve S. Chang comment on copyright law violations in social gaming litigation EA v. Zynga in WIRED

[PRESS - 07.30.12](#)

Banner & Witcoff Wins Temporary Restraining Order in Online Video Game Lawsuit for World of Tanks® developer Wargaming.net LLP

[NEWS - 05.08.12](#)

Ross A. Dannenberg contributes to a book on video game history

[NEWS - 04.12.12](#)

Steve S. Chang and Ross A. Dannenberg are interviewed by a Korean News station on the topic of video games and law

[NEWS - 02.28.12](#)

Ross A. Dannenberg, Timothy C. Meece and Christopher B. Roth discuss the Jagex case in Legal Bisnow

[PRESS - 02.03.12](#)

Banner & Witcoff Wins Video Game Lawsuit for RuneScape® Developer Jagex, Ltd.

[NEWS - 01.04.12](#)

Ross A. Dannenberg comments on the Stop Online Piracy Act in Mashable

[NEWS - 08.16.11](#)

Ross A. Dannenberg authors a book titled: "The American Bar Association's Legal Guide to Video Game Production"

[PRESS - 11.18.10](#)

Banner & Witcoff Obtains Judgment of No Patent Infringement for Jagex, Ltd.

[NEWS - 10.04.10](#)

Ross A. Dannenberg authors an article on the IP issues involved in protecting an app in the October issue of Managing Intellectual Property

[NEWS - 08.13.10](#)

Chicago IP Litigation Blog reviews Banner Witcoff's app

[NEWS - 08.11.10](#)

Timothy C. Meece and Ross A. Dannenberg discuss Banner & Witcoff's app in a Chicago Daily Law Bulletin article

[PRESS - 08.10.10](#)

Banner & Witcoff's IP Lawyer™: Free iPhone Application Providing Full Search Access to Patents, Trademarks, and IP Litigation Resources

[PRESS - 04.13.10](#)

Banner & Witcoff Handles Acquisition and Intellectual Property Work for Client atebits

[NEWS - 03.23.10](#)

Ross A. Dannenberg serves as executive editor and co-author of a new book Computer Games and Virtual Worlds: A New Frontier in Intellectual Property Law, published by the ABA. Steve S. Chang is a contributing author

[NEWS - 02.12.10](#)

Ross A. Dannenberg is profiled in the February IDGA newsletter

[NEWS - 11.10.09](#)

Ross A. Dannenberg is elected to a leadership position in the International Game Developers Association

[NEWS - 04.27.09](#)

Virtual-world legal disputes lead to real-world financial award; Ross A. Dannenberg comments on virtual law in San Francisco Chronicle

[NEWS - 11.26.08](#)

Ross Dannenberg writes a series of guest columns on IP issues in the virtual worlds.

[NEWS - 10.14.08](#)

President Signs PRO-IP Act of 2008

[NEWS - 10.01.08](#)

Ross A. Dannenberg comments on IP issues in the virtual worlds in IP Law360 and Technology360.

[NEWS - 08.27.08](#)

Ross A. Dannenberg comments on patent applications filed by Apple in MacWorldNews.

[NEWS - 08.27.08](#)

Ross A. Dannenberg discusses an intellectual property and land dispute in Second Life in Virtual Worlds News.

[NEWS - 08.27.08](#)

Ross A. Dannenberg is appointed Co-Chair of the 2007-2008 Special Committee for Computer Gaming of the American Bar Association's Intellectual Property Law Section.

[NEWS - 08.14.08](#)

Ross A. Dannenberg comments on a CAFC ruling on the validity of open source software licenses in LinuxInsider.

[PRESS - 07.24.08](#)

Banner & Witcoff Secures Favorable Settlement for Client Regarding Intellectual Property and Land Dispute in Second Life.

[NEWS - 02.19.08](#)

Ross A. Dannenberg comments on Research in Motion and Motorola's patent infringement lawsuits in the Chicago Tribune.

[PRESS - 01.23.08](#)

Banner & Witcoff is pleased to Announce the Election of New Shareholders

[NEWS - 10.17.07](#)

Ross A. Dannenberg comments in E-Commerce Times on the potential legal protection offered by Google's filtering technology.

[NEWS - 07.25.07](#)

Ross A. Dannenberg comments in USA TODAY on Facebook copyright lawsuit.

[NEWS - 06.05.07](#)

Ross Dannenberg quoted in Entrepreneur.com's feature article "Video Games at Work" highlights the firm's expertise in the gaming industry.

[NEWS - 05.01.07](#)

Ross A. Dannenberg authors an article on Copyright Issues Arising from Film Sanitization

[NEWS - 02.13.07](#)

Ross A. Dannenberg quoted in USA Today on dispute between Google's YouTube and Hollywood Studios

[NEWS - 12.06.06](#)

Ross Dannenberg Quoted in InformationWeek on Cyberproperty rights.

[NEWS - 04.13.06](#)

Ross Dannenberg quoted on InformationWeek.com

[NEWS - 02.01.06](#)

Mr. Dannenberg authors an article on copyright protection for digital music

[NEWS - 01.10.06](#)

Patent Myth Article by Ross Dannenberg and Steve Chang appears on PatentCafe.com

[NEWS - 01.10.06](#)

It's Just a Game, Right?

[NEWS - 05.31.05](#)

Ross A. Dannenberg and Steve S. Chang author an article on patent protection of video games

[PRESS - 01.24.05](#)

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[NEWS - 03.01.04](#)

Mr. Dannenberg is a contributor to The E-Business Legal Arsenal: Practitioner Agreements and Checklists.