Banner & Witcoff Awards Donald W. Banner Diversity Scholarship

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Banner & Witcoff, Ltd., a national intellectual property law firm that procures, enforces and litigates intellectual property rights throughout the world, announces Holly Victorson as the 2014 recipient of the Donald W. Banner Diversity Scholarship for law students.

The scholarship program will provide Ms. Victorson with $5,000 for her upcoming fall semester of law school. Ms. Victorson earned a B.S. in computer engineering, *summa cum laude*, from the University of New Mexico. She is currently enrolled at the University of Michigan Law School.

The scholarship is open to all law students who are members of a minority group (including any group traditionally underrepresented in the field of intellectual property law) and who meet the following criteria:

- Current enrollment in an American Bar Association-accredited law school in the U.S.;
- Commitment to the pursuit of a career in intellectual property law;
- Strong communication and writing skills; and
- Demonstrated leadership qualities and community involvement.

“The firm is thrilled to award the Donald W. Banner Diversity Scholarship to Ms. Victorson,” said Banner & Witcoff President Gary D. Fedorochko. “She stood out as an exceptional student who is dedicated to pursuing a career in intellectual property law. We look forward to continuing our recognition of outstanding law students through this scholarship.”

Applications for the 2015 scholarship will be made available through the Banner & Witcoff website: www.bannerwitcoff.com.

About Donald W. Banner
Donald W. Banner (1924-2006), a former U.S. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, was a leader in the field of patent law. He was chairman of the American Bar Association Section of

Intellectual Property Law, president of the American Intellectual Property Law Association, a founding member of the Association of Corporate Patent Counsel, president of the International Patent and Trademark Association, co-founder and president of the Intellectual Property Owners Association and director of The John Marshall Law School Center for Intellectual Property Law. He was also a U.S. delegate to numerous international diplomatic conferences. Because of his many accomplishments and the respect he garnered in the field of intellectual property, he was appointed to be U.S. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks by both Presidents Richard Nixon and Jimmy Carter, the only person to be appointed by presidents of both political parties. He served in that office only during the Carter Administration.

About Banner & Witcoff, Ltd.
A national intellectual property law firm with more than 90 attorneys and 90 years of practice, Banner & Witcoff, Ltd., provides legal counsel and representation to the world's most innovative companies. Our attorneys are known for having the breadth of experience and insight needed to handle complex patent applications as well as handle and resolve difficult disputes and business challenges for clients across all industries and geographic boundaries. For more information, please visit www.bannerwitcoff.com.

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