Banner Witcoff Proudly Supports 2025 ABA-IPL Section Annual Meeting

Banner Witcoff proudly supports the American Bar Association Section of Intellectual Property Law (ABA-IPL) 2025 annual meeting from, April 30 to May 2 in Washington, DC.

The event will cover patent, trademark, and copyright law updates and feature instruction by practitioners from around the world. The Mark T. Banner Award Luncheon will occur during the meeting on Thursday, May 1.

The ABA-IPL presents the 2025 Mark T. Banner Award to Horacio Gutierrez, Senior Executive Vice President, Chief Legal, and Chief Compliance Officer of The Walt Disney Company. Mr. Gutierrez has been named one of the “Top 50 Most Powerful Latino Leaders” and a leading in-house lawyer by various legal publications.

About the Award:

This award, established in honor of the late Mark T. Banner, is presented to an individual or individuals who have made an impact on intellectual property law and/or practice. Winners of this award have expressed a clear passion and enthusiasm for and advanced the practice, profession, and/or substance of IP law through extraordinary contributions to, among, other things, teaching, scholarship, innovation, legislation, advocacy, bar, or other association activities, or the judiciary.

About Mark Banner:

Mark Banner, who served as Chair of the ABA-IPL Section from 2002 to 2003, sought, demanded, and attained the very best from himself and everyone around him. The latter characteristic made him and those around him seek excellence in all they did: advocacy, work, relationships, intellectual property matters, and work for the ABA-IPL Section. The IP community and the entire legal profession considered Mark not only one of the best IP trial lawyers in the United States but

also one of the country's best trial lawyers, period. Mark's work transcended narrow principles of IP decisional law and wove in the fabric of general law to reflect the reality of his legal positions in a way that not only was easy to understand but also was reasonable and cogent. His gift, in addition to his trial experience, was to truly teach, varying the performance to conform to a student's style. He often referred to his teaching as a "labor of love."

Find more information on the ABA-IPL Annual Meeting by clicking here. More information on the Mark T. Banner Award can be found here.