Banner Witcoff Sponsors Mark T. Banner Award Luncheon at IPLSPRING: 2023 ABA-IPL Section Annual Meeting

Banner Witcoff proudly sponsors the American Bar Association Section of Intellectual Property Law (ABA-IPL) 2023 Mark T. Banner Award Luncheon on Thursday, April 13. Additionally, the firm is a sponsor of the Keynote Luncheon taking place on Friday, April 14.

The ABA-IPL presents the Mark T. Banner 2023 award to Ralph Oman, who served at the U.S. Register for Copyrights from 1985 to 1993. During his tenure as Register, Ralph assisted in moving the United States into the Berne Copyright Convention, the oldest and most prestigious copyright treaty.

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."

To learn more about the 2023 honoree, click here.