Banner & Witcoff welcomes new attorneys Phillip Articola, Mark A. Dalla Valle and Justin M. Philpott

Banner & Witcoff welcomes of counsel Phillip Articola to its Washington, D.C., office; and of counsel Mark A. Dalla Valle and associate Justin M. Philpott to its Chicago office.

Mr. Articola has more than 20 years of experience as a patent attorney, with an emphasis in patent prosecution, primarily in the telecommunications and computer industries. He has written hundreds of patent applications and prosecuted thousands of patent applications before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Mr. Articola also has experience in trademark application filing and prosecution before the USPTO.

He earned his J.D., M.S. in electrical engineering and B.S. in electrical engineering from the University of Maryland.

Mr. Dalla Valle focuses his practice on patent prosecution and counseling, primarily serving clients involved in the design, manufacture and sale of electronic devices, circuits and systems. He has written, filed and prosecuted hundreds of patents for the electrical and computer technology industry, including semiconductor fabrication and design, radio frequency circuits and systems, fiber optic signal processing, and analog and digital circuits. He also provides validity and infringement opinions as well as the preparation and prosecution of trademark and copyright applications and technology licensing agreements.

Prior to joining Banner & Witcoff, he helped Silicon Valley start-ups and numerous technology pioneers develop, protect and manage their intellectual property rights as an attorney at both regional and international firms in San Francisco and Chicago. He also spent 10 years as a practicing engineer, including eight years as a test engineer, design engineer and engineering manager at military defense contractor Hughes Aircraft Company.

He earned his J.D. from Loyola Law School in Los Angeles, M.S. in electrical engineering from the University of Southern California, and B.S. in electrical engineering technology from DeVry Institute of Technology.

Mr. Philpott focuses his practice primarily on patent prosecution, litigation, transactions, and opinion counseling. During his 14-year career in intellectual property law, he has examined, prosecuted, acquired, licensed, and litigated countless patents. He regularly merges technical and legal analyses in a range of complex electrical and computer arts, including digital televisions and HDTV coding, mobile phones, semiconductors, liquid crystal displays, digital still cameras, signal processing, electronic locks, and user interfaces.

Before joining Banner & Witcoff, Mr. Philpott litigated and prosecuted patents in the IP group of an international general practice law firm. As a former U.S. patent examiner at the USPTO, he examined and conducted searches for hundreds of patent and PCT applications in areas such as telecommunications, computer networks, and data routing.

He earned his J.D. from Georgetown University, and his B.S. in electrical and computer engineering, with high honors, from Rutgers University.

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