

**Kirk A. Sigmon**

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Kirk's work in the U.S. and in Asia, tied with his experience with Fortune 500 companies and startups, provides him the know-how to counsel clients at all stages of invention, patent prosecution, intellectual property enforcement, and litigation.

Kirk began his legal career in Tokyo, and routinely works with U.S., Japanese, Korean, Chinese, and European intellectual property matters. Kirk's cases have involved a broad range of technologies, including computer networking, cellular communications, video gaming, virtual reality, machine learning/artificial intelligence, military weapons systems, blockchain technologies, aerospace flight systems, video encoding, petroleum engineering, optoelectronics, data storage, magnetics, agronomy, and toys. Kirk is a Blockchain Legal Specialist as certified by the Government Blockchain Association. Kirk also speaks Japanese and is actively studying Korean.

One of Managing IP's Rising Stars, Kirk has successfully represented both plaintiffs and defendants in multimillion-dollar patent infringement trials in federal court. He has counseled Fortune 500 companies on topics including patent portfolio management and intellectual property enforcement.

An active member of the business community both in Washington, D.C., and abroad, Kirk has counseled startups and spoken at startup and M&A conferences around the world. Kirk is also a frequent contributor to the blog Patent Arcade, where he writes on video game intellectual property law.

Before joining Banner Witcoff, in addition to his intellectual property practice, Kirk worked with clients in response to Department of Justice, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, and Securities and Exchange Commission investigations that involved technical issues such as data security.

Kirk devotes a significant amount of his time to charity and pro bono matters. He has successfully represented a Guantanamo Bay detainee in military proceedings, victims of sexual violence in U-Visa proceedings, and numerous adults and minors in other immigration proceedings. He also routinely prepares testamentary documents for indigent senior citizens. Outside of the law, Kirk is the head of a charity events organization in Washington, D.C., where he seeks to provide fundraising opportunity to local nonprofits and causes.

Education

Wake Forest University
2010, B.A.

Cornell University
2013, J.D.

Temple University
2017, M.B.A.

Arizona State University
2018, B.S., Electrical Engineering

Admissions

Bar Admissions

2013, Virginia

2013, District of Columbia

Court Admissions

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia

Practices

Copyright

Counseling, Opinions + Licensing

Counterfeit Goods Seizure

Jury Trials

Litigation

PTAB Litigation

Patent Prosecution

Trade Dress

Trade Secrets

Trademarks

Industries

Electrical + Computer Technologies

Internet, E-Commerce + Business Methods

Accolades

Named to Managing Intellectual Property Rising Stars list, 2019.

Recent News + Events + Related Publications

[LIBRARY - 05.07.21](#)

Pay to Play: Video Game Monetization Patents and the Doctrine of Moral Utility

[NEWS - 05.07.21](#)

Kirk Sigmon Examines Video Game Monetization Patents for Georgetown Law Technology Review

[EVENT - 04.08.21](#)

Kirk Sigmon to Discuss IoT Trends at Virtual IP Conference

[NEWS - 02.22.21](#)

27 Banner Witcoff Attorneys Named 2021 Super Lawyers and Rising Stars

[LIBRARY - 10.22.20](#)

PTAB Highlights | Takeaways From Recent Decisions in Post-Issuance Proceedings

[NEWS - 10.22.20](#)

PTAB Highlights | Takeaways From Recent Decisions in Post-Issuance Proceedings

[NEWS - 10.06.20](#)

Centripetal Networks Awarded \$2.6B-\$3.2B Verdict with Four Banner Witcoff-Drafted Patents

[EVENT - 07.23.20](#)

Kirk Sigmon to Speak at Chulalongkorn University Bootcamp

[NEWS - 07.13.20](#)

Kirk Sigmon Offers PR Strategies for Drafting Patents in Corporate Counsel

<https://bannerwitcoff.com>

PRESS - 01.28.20

Banner Witcoff Elects New Class of Shareholders

NEWS - 12.06.19

Apurv Gaurav and Kirk Sigmon Named 2019 Managing IP Rising Stars

NEWS - 12.05.19

Azuka Dike and Kirk Sigmon Explore the Wearables Market in The Licensing Journal

NEWS - 10.29.19

Banner Witcoff Attorneys Featured in Chicago Daily Law Bulletin Article

EVENT - 10.17.19

Banner Witcoff Duo to Speak at Chicago Video Game Law Summit

EVENT - 07.11.19

Banner Witcoff Trio to Speak at Global M&A Conference

LIBRARY - 06.05.19

IP Update: Spring/ Summer 2019 Newsletter

LIBRARY - 10.23.18

How to draft a killer blockchain patent

NEWS - 10.23.18

Kirk A. Sigmon and Scott M. Kelly write article on how to get patents directed to blockchain inventions in World Intellectual Property Review

LIBRARY - 09.11.18

5 Common IP Traps Startups Should Avoid

NEWS - 09.11.18

Kirk A. Sigmon writes article on five IP traps startups can avoid for World Intellectual Property Review

EVENT - 08.21.18

Kirk A. Sigmon presents "Tips and Tricks for Startups in Protecting Their Copyrights, Patents, and Trademarks" at Startup PATH 2018 in Bucharest, Romania

NEWS - 06.15.18

Scott M. Kelly and Kirk A. Sigmon write article on copyright issues presented by live streaming of video game inputs in Interactive Entertainment Law Review