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Rachel enjoys working in a variety of intellectual property fields and industries, focusing on patent and trademark litigations.

Prior to joining Banner Witcoff, Rachel gained experience working on the engineering side of the energy industry, creating efficient implementation methods to increase productivity. Rachel also has experience as a business consultant and has worked on projects for a variety of companies from a multitude of industry sectors.

Rachel earned her J.D. from Washington University in St. Louis School of Law, where she studied a diverse set of intellectual property topics, earning a CALI award in her Patent Research & Strategy course.

During law school, Rachel spent a semester working as a legal intern for a technology startup. Throughout this semester-long experience, Rachel worked alongside in-house counsel on a number of intellectual property, contract, privacy, and employment matters. At WashU, Rachel also worked in the school's Entrepreneurship & Intellectual Property Clinic, providing patent- and trademark-related advice and legal assistance to local inventors and entrepreneurs. Rachel was admitted to the InSITE Fellowship Program at WashU, in which she collaborated with different teams made up of fellow J.D. candidates, MBA candidates, and Engineering graduate students to provide consultant services to a local entrepreneur client each semester.

Education

University of Kansas

2017, B.S., Petroleum Engineering, *with Distinction*, Minor in Economics

Washington University in St. Louis School of Law

2021, J.D.

Admissions

Bar Admissions

2021, Illinois

Court Admissions

U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

Practices

Copyright

Design Patents

Litigation

Trade Dress

Trademarks

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Banner Witcoff Welcomes Five New Associates