

# Banner Witcoff Adds Five New Associates

Five attorneys<sup>[i]</sup> recently joined Banner Witcoff as first-year associates, highlighting the continued growth of the nationally recognized intellectual property law firm.

Alexander J. Bruening, Peter E. Loy, Sonia Okolie, Priya Persaud and Hugh Warren are the latest additions to Banner Witcoff, a firm with 100-years of history and a seasoned team of more than 120 attorneys.

**Alex Bruening** joined Banner Witcoff's Chicago office on Nov. 2. Alex participated in Banner Witcoff's summer associate program in Chicago as a 1L and 2L. He earned a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from University of Nebraska and a law degree from University of Alabama School of Law. Alex will handle litigation and prosecution matters.

**Peter Loy** joined the firm's Chicago office on Nov. 2. Peter, who was a 2L summer associate at Banner Witcoff, has a bachelor's degree in electrical and computer engineering from Cornell University, and a law degree from University of Notre Dame Law School. He will focus his practice on litigation and prosecution matters.

**Sonia Okolie** joined the Washington, D.C., office on Oct. 26. Sonia worked as a law clerk at Banner Witcoff while working to obtain her law degree. She earned her bachelor's degree in English from Georgetown University, and her law degree from The George Washington University Law School. Sonia will handle design prosecution and trademark matters.

**Priya Persaud** joined the firm's Washington, D.C., office on Nov. 2. Priya, who participated in Banner Witcoff's summer associate program as a 2L, has bachelor's degrees in computer science, jurisprudence, and political science from Montclair State University. She earned her law degree from Rutgers Law School and will focus her practice on prosecution matters.

**Hugh Warren** joined the Chicago office on Nov. 2. Hugh was a 1L and 2L summer associate at Banner Witcoff. He earned his bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from University of Mississippi, and his law degree from University of Alabama School of Law. Hugh will handle litigation and prosecution matters.

[i] Our new attorney hires have all taken the bar exams in their respective states and are awaiting results.

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