

Banner & Witcoff, attorneys recognized for patent and trademark practice in 2018 edition of Legal 500

Banner & Witcoff is recognized as a top firm in patent prosecution and trademarks: non-contentious in the United States in the 2018 edition of the *Legal 500*.

Michael J. Harris, Robert S. Katz, Christopher L. McKee, Darrell G. Mottley and Christopher J. Renk are highlighted for their work in patent prosecution in the 2018 edition.

Helen Hill Minsker and Richard S. Stockton are highlighted for their trademark practice in the 2018 edition.

According to *Legal 500*:

Banner & Witcoff, Ltd. especially stands out through its particularly prolific design patent practice, but also impresses with strong work on the utility patent side and its track record before the PTAB. The electrical, computer science and mechanical engineering sectors are particularly busy areas of work. The Washington DC-based Robert Katz and Darrell Mottley continue to assist household names such as Nike and Microsoft with the development of their design patent portfolios and the group also represented Nike in several IPRs against petitioner adidas. Bank of America and Brother Industries regularly entrust the team with the prosecution of utility patents and other clients include Bayer, Comcast and NASA. Chicago litigators Christopher Renk and Michael Harris as well as Christopher McKee in Washington DC are key contacts.

Legal 500 wrote this about the firm's trademark practice:

The team at Chicago-based **Banner & Witcoff, Ltd.** works with notable clients from the athletic apparel, internet, electronics and travel industries, among others, and is adept at advising on the full range of trademark issues, including clearance, prosecution, and enforcement and litigation. Its household-name clients include the likes of Allstate, Nike, Nokia, Toshiba and Kayak. Practice head Helen Hill Minsker leads the firm's relationship with Nokia, which has included managing client's US portfolio of active trademarks since early 2013. Richard Stockton is another key name in the group and his clients include energy management company Schneider Electric.

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