

Determining Design Patent Validity Infringement

Banner Witcoff's Richard Stockton will participate as a panelist in "Determining Design Patent Validity Infringement" at the [2026 ABA-IPL Section Annual Meeting](#) on April 16.

CLE Overview:

Following *International Seaway* (2009) on anticipation and more recently *LKQ v. GM* (2024) on obviousness, the Federal Circuit has revamped design patent validity analysis. On the flip side, the Federal Circuit regularly weighs in on infringement analysis conducted by district courts on motions to dismiss and motions for summary judgment. This panel will explore new frameworks for design patent anticipation and obviousness examination at the USPTO, and how Examiners, the Board and Courts are applying obviousness analysis since *LKQ v. GM*. It will go on to review design patent infringement analysis in district courts litigation and appellate review.

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