BANNER WITCOFF

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Katie is President of Banner Witcoff and also serves on the firm's Board of Directors.

Katie has been routinely recognized as a leader in intellectual property law, including, as a Leading Practioner by World Trademark Review 1000, an IP Star by Managing Intellectual Property, an Illinois Leading Lawyer, and an Illinois Super Lawyer. Crain's Chicago Business has also recognized Katie as a Notable Gen X Leader in Accounting, Consulting, and Law, and as one of Chicago's Notable Women Lawyers.

Katie is an active member of the International Trademark Association (INTA), where she serves on the Famous and Well-Known Marks Committee, and Chicago Women in IP (ChiWIP), where she serves as co-chair for the Scholarship Committee. She has also been selected as a Federal Circuit Bar Association Global Fellow and Leadership Council on Legal Diversity Fellow.

Katie represents clients in intellectual property litigation and counsels clients in managing their intellectual property portfolios. Katie has significant experience managing and litigating intellectual property matters. Knowledgeable in all aspects of litigation from discovery and motion practice to

trial and appeal, she has successfully achieved her clients' business goals in enforcing intellectual property rights and defending against infringement allegations.

Katie also actively manages trademark portfolios from startup companies to large corporations. She counsels clients in protecting trademark rights and procurement of trademark registrations in the U.S. and internationally and provides client-oriented strategies for coverage of rights. She also manages trademark opposition proceedings globally and has achieved numerous decisions resulting in favorable outcomes for her clients.

Katie earned her J.D. from Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law, where she is currently an adjunct professor teaching IP Litigation. Prior to becoming an attorney, Katie earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Systems Science and Engineering from the University of Pennsylvania and worked as a program analyst for Lockheed Martin Information Technology under a contract with the Federal Aviation Administration. During law school, Katie served as a judicial extern for the Honorable Amy J. St. Eve of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois.

Education

University of Pennsylvania
2002, B.S., Systems Engineering

Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law
2007, J.D.

Admissions

Bar Admissions
2007, Illinois

Court Admissions
Supreme Court of Illinois
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit
U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin
U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois
U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

Practices

Jury Trials

Litigation

Section 337/ITC Litigation

Trade Dress

Trademarks

Industries

Defense Space

Accolades

- Named to the inaugural 2025 LawDragon 500 Leading Global IP Lawyers
- Selected as an Illinois Leading Lawyer, 2025
- Recognized as an "IP Star" by Managing Intellectual Property, 2025
- Named an "Illinois Super Lawyer", 2024
- Recognized as a Leading Practitioner for Trademark Prosecution and Strategy in the 2025 edition of the World Trademark Review 1000
- Named in Crain's Chicago Business Notable Gen X Leaders in Accounting, Consulting, and Law, 2022
- Recognized as one of Chicago’s Notable Women Lawyers by Crain’s Chicago Business, 2022
- Named an "Illinois Rising Star" by Super Lawyers, 2013-19
- Selected for inclusion on Super Lawyers’ Top Women Illinois Lawyers list, 2013

Affiliations/Memberships

Member, American Intellectual Property Law Association

Co-Chair, Scholarship Committee, Chicago Women in IP (ChiWIP)

Member, Intellectual Property Law Association of Chicago

Member, International Trademark Association

Recent News + Events + Related Publications

NEWS - 05.01.26

Four Banner Witcoff Attorneys Named in WIPR Leaders 2026

EVENT - 04.27.26

Banner Witcoff Sponsors the 2026 World Trademark Review Industry Awards

EVENT - 04.21.26

Banner Witcoff Attends 2026 INTA Annual Meeting

EVENT - 03.02.26

Balancing IP Costs: Strategies for Corporate Counsel

PRESS - 01.28.26

WTR 1000 Names Banner Witcoff and Four Attorneys Among World's Leading Trademark Professionals

NEWS - 12.11.25

WIPR Recognizes Katie Laatsch Fink, Anna King, and Trademark Practice

NEWS - 07.07.25

Banner Witcoff and 16 Shareholders Earn Top Marks in Managing IP's 2025 IP Stars

NEWS - 06.04.25

16 Banner Witcoff Attorneys Recognized in IP Stars 2025

NEWS - 05.28.25

Eight Banner Witcoff Attorneys Named in Lawdragon 500 Leading Global IP Lawyers

EVENT - 03.05.25

Allocating IP Budget to Maximize Impact

NEWS - 01.30.25

2025 WTR 1000: The World’s Leading Trademark Professionals Ranks Banner Witcoff and Four Attorneys

NEWS - 01.27.25

Banner Witcoff Elects New President, Board Members, and Shareholders

NEWS - 01.13.25

20 Banner Witcoff Attorneys Listed as 2025 Illinois Leading, Emerging Lawyers

EVENT - 11.13.24

Katie Laatsch Fink Presents During ChiWIP Litigation Bootcamp

EVENT - 10.24.24

Design Law 2024: The Article of Manufacture

NEWS - 06.04.24

IP Stars 2024 Recognizes 17 Banner Witcoff Attorneys

NEWS - 02.09.24

World Trademark Review Ranks Banner Witcoff and Four Attorneys in 2024 WTR 1000: The World's Leading Trademark Professionals

NEWS - 01.19.24

2024 Illinois Super Lawyers and Rising Stars Features 15 Banner Witcoff Attorneys

NEWS - 08.28.23