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INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW

Banner & Witcoff, Ltd. Offers the Donald W. Banner Diversity Scholarship

(Chicago, IL August 22, 2007) - Banner & Witcoff Ltd., one of the largest law firms in the United States dedicated solely to the practice of intellectual property law, announced today the formation of the Donald W. Banner Diversity Scholarship for law students.

The scholarship program will provide law students up to 55,000(X) payable for the Fall semester of their second or third year of law school. The scholarship is open to all law students who are members of a minority group (including any group traditionally under-represented in the field of intellectual property law) and who meet the following criteria:

- Current enrollment in an ABA-accredited law school in the United States;
- Commitment to the pursuit of a career in intellectual property law;
- Strong communication and writing skills; and,
- Demonstrated leadership qualities and community involvement.

Applications for the scholarship will be made available through each law school's career services office and through the Banner & Witcoff website:

www.bannerwitcoff.com/diversity.cfm.

According to Thomas K. Pratt, president of Banner & Witcoff, Ltd, "The firm is thrilled to offer the Donald W. Banner Diversity Scholarship to law students. As a firm we are committed to creating and fostering a culture that values the differences among our attorneys, legal professionals, and support staff."

About Donald W. Banner

Donald W. Banner, a former U.S. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks was a leader in the field of patent law. He was Chair of the American Bar Association Section of Intellectual Property Law, President of the American Intellectual Property Law Association, a founding member of the Association of Corporate Patent Counsel, President of the International Patent and Trademark Association, Co-founder and President of the Intellectual Property Owners Association, and Director of the John Marshall Law School Center for Intellectual Property Law. He was also a United States delegate to numerous international diplomatic conferences.

Because of his many accomplishments and the respect he garnered in the field of intellectual property, Mr. Banner was appointed to be U.S. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks by both Presidents Nixon and Carter, the only person to be so appointed by

presidents of both political parties. He served in that office only during the Carter Administration.

About Banner & Witcoff Ltd.

Banner & Witcoff, Ltd. is dedicated to excellence in the specialized practice of intellectual property law, including patent, trademark, copyright, trade secret, computer, franchise and unfair competition law. The firm actively engages in the procurement, enforcement and litigation of intellectual property rights throughout the world, including all federal and state agencies, and the distribution of such rights through licensing and franchising. The firm has over 90 attorneys and agents in its Chicago, Washington, DC, Boston and Portland, OR offices.

For more information about Banner & Witcoff contact Chris Hummel at chummel@bannerwitcoff.com or visit www.bannerwitcoff.com



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Donald W. Banner Diversity Scholarship for Law Students

Banner & Witcoff is proud to offer the Donald W. Banner Diversity Scholarship for law students. This scholarship is part of Banner & Witcoff's commitment to fostering the development of intellectual property lawyers from diverse backgrounds.

Law students who meet the selection criteria and have entered into a .11) program at an ABA-accredited law school in the United States are eligible to apply for the Donald W. Banner Diversity Scholarship. Applicants may not be a current or past employee of Banner & Witcoff, or directly related to a current employee of Banner & Witcoff

Selection Criteria

Scholarship recipients will be selected by the Donald W. Banner Diversity Scholarship review board based on the following criteria:

- Academic merit (undergraduate, graduate and law school)
- Commitment to the pursuit of a career in IP law
- Member of a historically under represented group in IP law (including race, sex, ethnicity, sexual orientation, and disability)
- Written communication skills
- Oral communication skills determined through an interview of the law student
- Leadership Leadership and community involvement

Financial Award

Recipients of the Donald W. Banner Diversity Scholarship will receive \$5,000 payable for the Fall semester of their second or third year of law school.

Recipients of the Donald W. Banner Diversity Scholarship who accept and successfully complete the firm's Summer Associate Program may receive an additional \$5,000 payable for a subsequent semester of law school.

Application Process

Applications will be accepted July 1, 2007 through October 1, 2007. Awards will be announced December 1, 2007.

Applicants will submit the following documents for consideration:

- Completed Donald W. Banner Diversity Scholarship application form
- Resume
- Academic transcripts (law school, undergraduate/graduate school)
- Writing sample (5-10 pages) (legal, if available)
- Three references including contact information
- One page statement describing how diversity has impacted the candidate



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Donald W. Banner Diversity Scholarship Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Social Security
Number: _____

Please briefly explain under what historically under-represented category in IP law the applicant falls within (e.g., ethnicity, gender, disability, sexual orientation, etc.):

Signature of Applicant: _____

Date: _____

Completed application materials should be submitted to:

Donald W. Banner Diversity Scholarship c/o
Christopher Hummel
Banner & Witcoff, Ltd.
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Washington, DC 20005