

# 2011 Mark T. Banner Award

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**The ABA Section of Intellectual Property Law  
announces the first Mark T. Banner Award.**

This award in honor of the late Mark T. Banner will be presented to an individual or group that has made an impact on IP law and/or practice.

Candidates for this award should have expressed a clear passion and enthusiasm for, and advanced the practice, profession and/or substance of Intellectual Property Law through extraordinary contributions to, among other things, teaching, scholarship, innovation, legislation, advocacy, bar or other association activities, or the judiciary.



## **A little about Mark Banner...**

Mark Banner, who served as Chair of the ABA Section of Intellectual Property Law from 2002 to 2003, sought, demanded, and attained the very best from himself and from everyone around him. The latter characteristic made him and those around him seek excellence in all they did: advocacy, work, relationships, intellectual property matters, and work for the ABA-IPL Section.

The IP community and the entire legal profession considered Mark not only one of the best IP trial lawyers in the United States, but also one of the country's best trial lawyers, period.

Mark's work transcended narrow principles of IP decisional law and wove in the fabric of general law to reflect the reality of his legal positions in a way that not only was easy to understand, but also was reasonable and cogent.

His gift, in addition to his trial experience, was to truly teach, varying the performance to conform to a student's style. He loved to help others. In the Foreword for the *Patent Trial Advocacy Casebook*, published by ABA and NITA and co-authored by Mark, he referred to his teaching as a "labor of love."

For the nomination form, please click [here](#).

Please submit nomination materials **no later than April 18, 2011.**