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Ketan Vakil's practice is concentrated in intellectual property protection, litigation, counseling, and licensing including the procurement and litigation of patents, trademarks, copyrights and trade secrets. He has significant experience in preparing and prosecuting patents and trademarks, evaluating prior art for patentability, infringement and validity, preparing infringement and validity opinions, and counseling clients on intellectual property strategies, development, licensing and infringement.

Ketan's apparel and footwear experience includes sandals, skateboard shoes, dress shoes, high-heeled shoes, shorts, jackets, backpacks, skateboards and outdoor sports equipment.

Ketan's electrical engineering and software design experience includes computer architecture, memories and software, semiconductor devices, processes and machinery, network systems, storage and security, image and signal processing, electrical circuits, telecommunications devices, aircraft systems, and mechanical and medical devices.

Professional Recognition & Awards

Southern California Super Lawyers®, Intellectual Property - Rising Stars Edition (2006-2007)

Representative Transactions

Representation of large U.S. apparel company in patent prosecution and IP counseling matters

Representation of large Japanese automobile company in patent prosecution and IP counseling matters

Representation of large Japanese television manufacturing company in patent prosecution and IP counseling matters

Education

University of Florida Levin College of Law (J.D., 1996)

Franklin Pierce Law Center (Master of Intellectual Property Law, 1995)

University of Florida (M.E., Electrical Engineering, 1992)

Vanderbilt University (B.E., Electrical Engineering, *magna cum laude*, 1990)

Court Admissions

Supreme Court of California

United States District Court, Central District of California

United States Patent and Trademark Office

Professional Memberships & Activities

American Bar Association

American Intellectual Property Law Association

Orange County Bar Association

Association of University Technology Managers

Other Professional Experience

Stout Uxa Buyan & Mullins LLP, Associate

Sheppard Mullin Richter & Hampton LLP, Associate

Townsend and Townsend and Crew LLP, Associate

Recent Presentations & Publications

Building a Strong Patent Portfolio - Five Tips to Stay Ahead of the Game, Author, Orange County Business Journal (July 11-17, 2011)

Patent Litigation: The New Normal, Panelist, Be On Your Offensive Game: Managing Intellectual Property Litigation Costs With a Team Approach, Association of Corporate Counsel SoCal, Long Beach, CA (June 2011)

Faster Pace at U.S. Patent Office Seen as Boost for IP, Author, Orange County Business Journal (January 23, 2011)

Recent California Decision Reinforces Need for Drafting High Quality Patents, Author, Los Angeles Intellectual Property Law Association (March 2005)

Outsourcing Technology Overseas? Ten Tips to Help Safeguard Your Intellectual Property, Author, Orange County Business Journal (August 9-15, 2004)

Safeguarding IP Overseas, Author, California Lawyer Magazine (June 2004)