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BANNER & WITCOFF LTD (US)

Binal Patel has a broad range of experience in intellectual property including patent litigation and patent procurement. Binal has successfully represented both plaintiffs and defendants in a variety of intellectual property matters.

Litigation experience: Binal has significant experience in litigation matters involving the enforcement and defense of intellectual property rights. Binal handles litigation with a pragmatic and pro-active approach and tailors his litigation strategies to suit the business goals of clients.

Binal's approach to litigation has achieved substantial success for clients in defending against patent infringement suits involving tens of millions in alleged liability. Some of Binal's most recent achievements include the following:

- Binal and a team of B&W lawyers successfully defended a client in an international arbitration involving a series of patents.
- Binal argued at the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit where he successfully obtained final dismissal of a class action patent infringement lawsuit.
- Binal has also successfully argued and achieved dismissals of patent infringement suits by way of summary proceedings such as summary judgment motions and Markman proceedings.

Binal's approach has also proven successful in enforcing clients' intellectual property rights. Recently, Binal and a team of B&W lawyers obtained a preliminary injunction to protect copyrights against infringement.

Patent procurement experience: Binal actively manages the patent procurement programs of a number of clients. Having litigated patents in court, Binal approaches patent procurement with an eye towards litigation and with an effort to obtain maximum desirable claim coverage. Binal is also intimately familiar with client needs to maintain effective patent prosecution procedures.

Mr. Patel has prepared and successfully prosecuted numerous patent applications in the fields of medical devices, Internet-related technologies, computer software, computer hardware, and telecommunications. He also has experience in preparing patentability, validity, and infringement opinions relating to inventions in these fields.

Binal is a founder and board member of the Indian-American Bar Association of Chicago. Binal is also a founder and the treasurer of the North American South Asian Bar Association. Mr. Patel earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign where he graduated, with highest honors, as a James Scholar, and as a member of the Senior 100. He earned his Juris Doctor degree from Northwestern University where he was a member of the Journal of International Law and Business. Earlier,

Binal progressed through engineering positions at Andersen Consulting, Baxter Healthcare Corporation, and PSG Engineering Associates, Inc.

Binal is a registered patent attorney and is admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of the State of Illinois, the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit and numerous federal district courts. He practices in the Chicago office of Banner & Witcoff, Ltd.