

# **RAJKUMAR VINNAKOTA**

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### **AREAS OF PRACTICE**

Intellectual Property Litigation

Patent Portfolio Management and Licensing

Business/Corporate

Business Litigation

Legal Risk Management

### PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Lester Horwitz, Ethan Horwitz, General Editors, Intellectual Property Counseling and Litigation, Chapter 48: Containing Costs in Intellectual Property Litigation (revised by Rajkumar Vinnakota, Release 56 July 2015) (Matthew Binder)

Speaker, Global Intellectual Property Convention, Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh, India, "Inter Partes Review in Conjunction with Patent Litigation," January 16, 2014 Rajkumar Vinnakota's practice focuses on complex commercial litigation in both federal and state courts, and various administrative agencies, including intellectual property, trade secrets, energy, business torts, partnership disputes, and insurance matters.

Kumar's intellectual property practice focuses on managing, licensing, and enforcing patent portfolios, and representing and defending domestic and international clients and research institutes, with an emphasis in the oil & gas, chemical, petrochemical, biochemical, biomaterial, biotechnology, pharmaceutical, semiconductor, telecommunications, and electronic industries.

Kumar's practice also focuses on helping technology and start-up companies navigate the complex legal environment to protect their valuable intellectual property and achieve commercial success.

Kumar's technical background includes work experience as a process engineer at ExxonMobil Chemical and chemical plant design studies at Kellogg Brown and Root (KBR) in Houston, Texas. Prior to forming Janik Vinnakota LLP, Kumar was a Partner at an intellectual property litigation boutique in Dallas, Texas. He previously worked as an Associate in the Dallas office of Andrews Kurth LLP.



### **EDUCATION**

- J.D., University of Texas School of Law, 2003
- B.S., *cum laude*, Chemical Engineering, Texas A&M University, 1998

### **BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS**

- Texas, 2003
- U.S. Supreme Court
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth and Federal Circuits
- U.S. District Courts for the Northern, Southern, Eastern, and Western Districts of Texas

#### PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS & ACTIVITIES

- State Bar of Texas
- Former Director, Dallas Association of Young Lawyers (DAYL)
- Life Fellow, DAYL Foundation
- Advisory Board, After School All Stars North Texas
- Director, Wade Smith Foundation
- Member, Dallas Asian American Bar Association

### DISTINCTIONS

- Texas Super Lawyers, 2015 2017
- Texas Super Lawyers "Rising Star", 2009 – 2015
- Barrister, The Barbara M.G. Lynn American Inn of Court
- Article and Notes Editor, Texas
  International Law Journal
- Member, Tau Beta Pi National Engineering Honor Society

### ACADEMIA

 Speaker, Texas A&M University School of Law, Fort Worth, Texas, "Intellectual Property Counseling: More Than Drafting Patents or Going to Court," Fall 2016



## SEAN N. HSU (徐祥寧) Partner



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Intellectual Property Litigation

Patent Portfolio Management and Licensing

**Business Litigation** 

**Products Liability Litigation** 

International – Fluent in Mandarin

#### PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Speaker, 2016 and 2017 Austin Startup Week – TechStars, Austin, Texas, "Legal Pitfalls Startups Face"

Presenter, University of Texas at Arlington, "Patent Portfolio Strategies and Licensing," 2011

Sean Hsu is a licensed patent attorney whose practice focuses on intellectual property licensing, enforcement, and commercial disputes. With his training in electrical engineering, he is well qualified to represent the intellectual property and commercial needs of clients—from small businesses to multinational corporations. He has handled legal matters in a variety of industries, including semiconductors, telecommunications, biomedical devices, software and embedded systems.

Sean is also registered to practice before the United States Patent and Trademark Office and has represented clients in *Inter Partes* Reviews before the Patent Trial and Appeal Board during district court litigation. This dual role helps clients efficiently and consistently prepare their cases.

Sean's practice also includes helping technology and start-up companies strategically protect their valuable intellectual property to better pursue their commercial objectives. To that end, Sean and the firm are members of several local chambers of commerce to serve as a resource for the business community.

Sean graduated from the University of Texas at Austin in 2003 and received a B.S. in Electrical Engineering with an emphasis in microprocessor programming and biomedical engineering. He received his law degree from SMU Dedman School of Law in 2007. Prior to joining Janik Vinnakota, Sean worked at both large and boutique trial law firms in Dallas, Texas, where he represented clients from solo inventors to Fortune 500 companies.



### EDUCATION

- J.D., Southern Methodist University, Dedman School of Law, 2007
- B.S., Electrical Engineering University of Texas at Austin, 2003

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- Texas, 2007
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- U.S. District Courts for the Northern, Southern and Eastern Districts of Texas

# PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS & ACTIVITIES

- State Bar of Texas
- Member, Forbes Dallas Business
  Council
- Member, Dallas Bar Association
- Member, Greater Dallas Asian American Chamber of Commerce
- Advisory Board Member, GDAACC International Business Council
- Advisory Board Member, Asian American Contractors Association of Texas
- Member, Chinese Institute of Engineers
- Member, National Asian Pacific American Bar Association
- Member, Dallas Asian American Bar Association

### **DISTINCTIONS**

• Recognized as a Rising Star in Rising Stars edition of Texas Super Lawyers Magazine (2010)