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Brandon Zuniga practices in the area intellectual property law, including patents, trademarks, trade secrets, copyrights, assignments, contracts, nondisclosure agreements, administrative proceedings and civil litigation.

Over the years, Mr. Zuniga's clients have included some of the largest companies in the world, including, for example, the second largest food and beverage manufacturer in the world. Additionally, Mr. Zuniga's practice is truly international in scope, with clients based in or seeking intellectual property rights worldwide. In this context, his ability to speak, read and write English and Spanish, and his familiarity with French and German have proven quite valuable.



With an engineering degree from Rice University, a law degree from Boston University, three years of engineering work experience in Houston, and over six years of legal experience in Dallas, Mr. Zuniga's overlapping legal skills and technical aptitude hit a sweet spot for many clients. More recently, this combination of skills was advantageously applied to the first Cannabis-related patent infringement lawsuit in the United States.

Mr. Zuniga has worked on over 400 patent-related matters and, in combination with his vocational experience and formal education, this results in a wide range of technical experience relating to chemical engineering, software, electrical engineering, electricity, magnetism, circuits, mechanical engineering, robotics, consumer products, household appliances, medicine, physical therapy and dentistry.

With respect to computers, software and programming, Mr. Zuniga's exposure to the industry began at a young age, given his father's line of work as a programmer. As Mr. Zuniga grew from a child to a teenager, he continued to develop his knowledge and abilities, taking programming-related classes in high school and later in college. These skills were further developed during Mr. Zuniga's work as a process engineer and more recently on other software-related projects.

Due to his real-world engineering experience at the second largest engineering and construction company in the United States, Mr. Zuniga has an enhanced ability to understand and protect a client's intellectual property. Mr. Zuniga has designed processes for multi-billion dollar projects and some of the world's largest oil and gas companies, including ExxonMobil, SABIC, KNPC, BP, Valero and Eastman Chemicals. Unsurprisingly, Mr. Zuniga's experience with chemical engineering, mechanical engineering and control systems is especially deep.

Although Mr. Zuniga grew up in the DFW metroplex and earned a B.S. in Chemical Engineering from Rice University in Houston, Mr. Zuniga ventured to snowy Boston for law school. There, Mr. Zuniga obtained his J.D. from Boston University while completing a concentration in Intellectual Property law with honors. During law school, Mr. Zuniga served as a note editor for the Public Interest Law Journal and treasurer of the Intellectual Property Law Society. He also received the Dean's Award for the highest grade in Trade Secrets & Restrictive Covenants. Mr. Zuniga's article, entitled Lessons from the Federal Circuit: Avoiding Unpatentability for Life Science Inventions, was published in the Journal of the Patent and Trademark Office Society.

While in Boston, Mr. Zuniga served as a judicial intern for the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit and worked as a summer associate at an intellectual property firm whose clients included the world's largest supplier of athletic shoes, apparel and equipment. In addition to working for some of the world's largest corporations, Mr. Zuniga spent a year at Boston University representing indigent clients as part of a civil litigation clinic for housing, employment, and disability law.