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Shaukat Karjeker brings over 20 years of experience in the practice of intellectual property law to your service to help you develop business assets out of your innovations and your brand strategies, and to protect your markets. He is knowledgeable and experienced in virtually all aspects of patent and trademark practice before the US and foreign Patent and Trademark Offices, as well as in the federal courts. While Shaukat enjoys working with start-up companies, he has a long history of providing services to Fortune 500 Companies. Those services have included not only the prosecution and litigation of patents and trademarks, but also providing opinions of counsel on issues of infringement and patent validity, devising design-around strategies, and serving as an expert witness on patent matters.

Shaukat's background includes a degree in chemical engineering, albeit that his practice has ranged far from the chemical field over the years. His expertise extends to chemicals, chemical coatings, catalysts, pharmaceuticals, business methods, aerospace, oil & gas operations and oil refining, semiconductor processing, medical devices, software and Internet-related technologies, and telecommunications, to list but a few. His ready appreciation of corporate business goals enable him to provide advice and services geared to meeting those goals.

Shaukat obtained his Bachelor of Science degree in Chemical Engineering and his MBA from the University of Cape Town (South Africa) and his law degree from the University of Texas School of Law (Austin, Class of 1987).

Shaukat has achieved the status of an AV rating in the Martindale Hubbell Lawyer Directory, the highest rating for both excellence of work product as well as legal ethics. He has in the past been an equity partner in major multi-state law firms as well as intellectual property "boutique law firms."

During 1993-4 Shaukat was an adjunct professor teaching trademark law part-time at the University of Houston Law Center, while carrying on a full time intellectual property law practice with a prominent Houston firm. He is also the author of The Glossary of Intellectual Property Terminology for Association of University Technology Transfer Managers ("AUTM"), 2002-2003, the article entitled: "Ruling Slashes Patent Portfolio Valuations", Puget Sound Business Journal, April 22-28, 2001, and he updated and revised the Washington State Bar Lawyers' Handbook sections covering Patent and Trademark Law in 2002 and 2003. In addition, he was on the Review of Litigation (Law Review) while at UT Law school, and was awarded Best Student Note for the year 1987 for the extensively researched published Note entitled: "Federal Preemption of Cigarette Products Liability Claims Creates a Need for Congressional Action", Student Note, Review of Litigation, vol. 6 no. 3, 1987, which was cited in the settlement of major tobacco litigation via legislation.

During 2004-2005, Shaukat was the Coach of the University of Seattle School of Law moot court teams for the Giles Sutherland IP Moot Court Competition, on a pro bono basis. The 2004 team advanced to the national final rounds, for the first time in the School's history.

Before attending Law School, Shaukat had a successful eight year career with the Mobil Oil Company, both in the USA and in South Africa. He has also briefly worked for a prominent South African gold, diamonds and base metals mining company, as well as an international British-Dutch manufacturer of

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