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Joining The Eclipse Group as Trial Partner in April of 2009, Shekhar Vyas' highly specialized career emphasizes over sixteen years of patent prosecution, opinion work, IP analysis, client counseling and litigation, in the fields of electrical engineering, computer software, compression technologies, medical technology, and telecommunications. His most recent post was as a Partner in Fish and Richardson's San Diego office, as well as serving as in-house counsel.

Shekhar's experience encompasses advising client executives, in-house counsel, and engineering staff on IP strategy at various stages of litigation and trial, to include conducting pre-suit investigations and managing multiple teams of attorneys through all aspects of discovery and trial. He has successfully prepared and prosecuted various patent applications in a wide range of technologies relating to hardware and software, filed reissue and re-examinations, in addition to overseeing numerous settlement agreements.

Shekhar's advisory practice includes serving as counsel for small to large clients on patent portfolio strategy, management, and optimization. Specific counseling issues include assessing claim scope of existing patents, identifying patents for possible acquisition, performing infringement and validity analyses, responding to licensing demands, and drafting license agreements.

He has represented clients, such as Microsoft and Intel, before multiple District Courts around the country, as well as the United States Courts of Appeal for the Federal Circuit, and the International Trade Commission.

Shekhar received a B.S. in electrical engineering from George Washington [Eta Kappa Nu], and his J.D. from St. John's University School of Law in Jamaica, New York.

He currently serves as an Entrepreneur in Residence (EIR) and sits on the committee for the Grant Access Portal for CONNECT, a San Diego regional non-profit organization with member support from the research community, private sector, and government whose purpose is to educate the San Diego region on how to commercialize local research-based discoveries.

In addition, Shekhar participates on multiple committees within the San Diego chapter of the MIT Enterprise Forum. He is an active supporter of the San Diego Sports Innovators, as well as both of the annual entrepreneurial challenges sponsored by San Diego State University and the University of California San Diego, and serves as a Redcoat on the Holiday and Poinsettia Bowls. Shekhar also acts as lead with regard to the firm's sponsorship of and participation in the southern California chapter of the Tech Coast Angels and has served as a guest speaker on trademark and patent law at the University of San Diego.

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