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Sapna is a Partner in the firm's Litigation Department and Intellectual Property Practice Group. Sapna has spent nearly two decades representing clients in patent, trademark, copyright, and complex commercial matters, including successfully litigating disputes in a range of jurisdictions. They include the Federal Circuit and federal courts in Delaware, the District of New Jersey, the Eastern District of Virginia, the Eastern District of Texas, the Southern District of New York, the Southern District of Florida, the Northern District of California, the District of Maryland, the District of Minnesota, and the Western District of Wisconsin. She also has extensive experience with alternative dispute resolution, including arbitration and mediation.

Sapna also counsels and represents a variety of U.S. and international clients regarding U.S. intellectual property by providing them with infringement, validity, enforceability, and clearance opinions and by advising them in licensing and antitrust matters. She also has conducted intellectual property due diligence investigations in connection with acquisitions and licensing deals, and she has represented clients in proceedings before the U.S. Patent Office. Sapna also counsels clients about patent law in Asia, including China and India.

Sapna's patent experience covers a broad array of technologies, including pharmaceuticals, biotechnology, drug delivery systems and medical devices, mechanical devices, batteries, software, and agrochemicals. Outside the patent area, Sapna has represented clients in trademark, trade dress, and copyright litigation as well as in counseling clients on trademark and copyright registration, strategy, and licensing. Sapna has also handled a number of complex commercial disputes involving complex contractual matters in the oil, renewable energy, construction, and food services industries.

Sapna frequently writes and speaks on a range of topics, including developments in litigation, e-discovery, patent law, patent reform, intellectual property law in Asia, pharmaceuticals, biosimilars, biotechnology, and medical devices. Her programs have been presented by the Practising Law Institute and WestLegal Ed, and she has been published and quoted in leading publications, including *Practising Law Institute*, *Forbes*, *ABA Litigation Journal*, *IP Law360*, *New York Law Journal*, *Corporate Counsel Connect*, *Pharmaceutical Patent Analyst*, and *Bloomberg/BNA*.

She is an adjunct professor at Pace University School of Law, addressing antitrust and patent topics. She clerked for the Honorable Judge Robert J. Hurley of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York.

Sapna is committed to pro bono legal services. In 2008, she was honored by the Pennsylvania Capital Representative Project for extraordinary efforts on behalf of Pennsylvania's death row inmates. In 2001, she received the Legal Aid Society award for Outstanding Pro Bono Representation.

Sapna is on the board of directors of the Asian American Bar Association of New York (AABANY) and the AABANY Leadership Development Institute. Previously she was a Co-chair of its Women's Committee. Sapna is an inaugural member of Judge Janet Bond Arterton's Intellectual Property American Inns of Court and is also a member of the New York Intellectual Property Association and its Litigation and Legislative Action Committees.

Sapna received her J.D. *summa cum laude* from Pace University School of Law, where she was Notes and Comments Editor at the *Pace Environmental Law Review*. She received her B.B.A. *magna cum laude* in international management with pre-medical concentration from Pace University, where she received the Medal for Distinction in University Honors Program and a Medal for Outstanding Scholarship in International Management.

Sapna has lived and studied in both India and Tanzania. She is fluent in Hindi and Marathi and conversant in French.

Education

- Pace University School of Law (J.D., 1998)
 - summa cum laude
- Pace University (B.B.A, 1995)
 - magna cum laude

Bar Admissions

- New York

Court Admissions

- US Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit
- US District Court (Southern District of New York)

Memberships and Affiliations

- Intellectual Property Organization
 - Asia Practice Group
- New York Intellectual Property Law Association
- Asian Bar Association of New York
 - Intellectual Property
 - Litigation
- National Association of Pacific American Bar Association

Languages

- French
- Marathi
- Hindi