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Bina Patel's practice focuses on complex commercial litigation with an emphasis on intellectual property and appeals. She has extensive experience in all stages of litigation and has practiced before federal and appellate courts across the country. She has successfully represented both plaintiffs and defendants in high-stakes technology disputes related to patents, copyrights, trade secret misappropriation, breach of contract, fraud, unfair competition, and false advertising.

Bina has litigated cases involving a wide range of industries and technologies, including wireless and cellular networks, online advertising systems, artificial intelligence, semiconductors, food and beverage, medical devices and diagnostics, and biotechnology. She also counsels clients on data privacy and cybersecurity issues and regulatory compliance with federal and state privacy laws, such as the California Consumer Privacy Act and California Privacy Rights Act.

Bina maintains an active pro bono practice. She represented the National Center for Youth Law as amicus curiae in multiple appellate lawsuits challenging a Trump administration regulation that limited access to reproductive and family planning services. She also represents clients in immigration proceedings.

Prior to joining Coblentz, Bina was an associate at Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan, LLP in San Francisco. She clerked for the Honorable John T. Noonan, Jr. of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

Bina is a member of the Copyright Society and the South Asian Bar Association of Northern California. She is admitted to practice before the Northern, Central, and Southern Districts of California and the Courts of Appeals for the First, Fourth, Ninth, and Tenth Circuits.

Bina earned her J.D. from the University of California, Berkeley, School of Law with a Certificate in International Law. During law school, she served as Senior Book Reviews and Essays Editor of the *California Law Review* and was a recipient of the William K. Coblentz Civil Rights Research Fellowship. She was also active in the International Human Rights Law Clinic, where she presented a human rights report before the United Nations Committee against Torture in Geneva, Switzerland. Bina earned her B.A., with honors, in Rhetoric from the University of California, Berkeley.

Notable Representations

Trade Secret

- *Hitachi Global Air Power US, LLC v. Gerner* (N.D. Cal.). Represented Hitachi in a trade secret and employee mobility dispute and secured a favorable settlement.
- *Loxo Oncology, Inc. v. Array Biopharma, Inc.* (D. Col. & 10th Cir.). Represented Array Biopharma in a trade secret and employee mobility action relating to small molecule kinase inhibitor drugs. Obtained a favorable settlement after appealing the trial court's denial of Array Biopharma's motion for a preliminary injunction.*

Patent

- *Huawei Technologies v. Verizon* (E.D. Tex.). Represented Verizon in a patent infringement lawsuit relating to fiber optic technology allegedly essential to ITU standards. Verizon asserted counterclaims of breach of Huawei's RAND obligations, fraud, and unfair competition. Obtained a favorable settlement after three days of trial.*
- *SimpleAir, Inc. v. Google LLC* (C.D. Cal.). Represented Google in a patent infringement lawsuit regarding cloud messaging and cloud to device messaging services. Secured dismissal with prejudice.*
- *Knauf Insulation, LLC v. Johns Manville Corp.* (S.D. Ind.). Represented Johns Manville, an insulation manufacturing company, in a patent infringement suit involving fiberglass insulation products. Won summary judgment of non-infringement and invalidity.*
- *Natera, Inc. v. CareDx, Inc.* (D. Del.). Represented Natera, a genetic testing company, in false advertising and patent litigation involving cell-free DNA-based testing for kidney transplant rejection. Secured high-profile summary judgment ruling that invalidated CareDx's patents as covering patent-ineligible subject matter.*
- *Semicons v. Hamamatsu Corporation* (N.D. Cal.). Represented semiconductor manufacturer in a patent infringement

dispute related to testing of electronic circuits. Obtained a favorable settlement.*

Copyright

- *SoundExchange, Inc. v. Sonos Inc. and Napster* (C.D. Cal.). Representing SoundExchange, a non-profit collective rights management organization, in a copyright infringement suit relating to Sonos and Napster's non-payment of statutory royalties.
- *Bold LLC v. Rocket Resume, Inc. and Stephen Zimmerman* (N.D. Cal.). Represented Defendants in a copyright infringement suit relating to online resume creation services. Argued and won summary judgment of non-infringement, resulting in a favorable settlement.

Commercial and Other Litigation

- *Rodriguez v. Endangered Species Chocolate* (S.D. Cal.). Successfully defended Endangered Species Chocolate against false advertising class action regarding product labeling by securing dismissal of all claims.
- *Cyrus Hodes v. Stability AI Inc., Stability AI Ltd., and Mohammad Mostaque* (N.D. Cal.). Represented Defendants in a breach of contract and fiduciary duty dispute involving ownership in Stability AI. Resisted significant early discovery efforts by Plaintiff and obtained a voluntary dismissal after a successful motion to dismiss.
- *U.S. v. Battle Born Investments Company, LLC* (9th Cir.). Represented investment company in an appeal of a civil forfeiture judgment involving government seizure of bitcoin.
- *Martinez v. Rancho Gordo* (Cal. Ct. App.). Represented Rancho Gordo in a cross-appeal of an employment discrimination suit after a jury trial. Obtained a favorable settlement.
- *Del Monte v. California Public Utilities Commission* (Cal. Ct. App.). Secured denial of a petition for writ of review and mandamus on behalf of PG&E in an appeal challenging a California Public Utilities Commission decision.
- *Title X Litigation* (4th Cir. and 9th Cir.). Represented National Center for Youth Law as amicus curiae in multiple appeals challenging a Trump administration regulation that limited funding for reproductive and family planning services.*

*Denotes experience prior to joining Coblenz.

Publications & Speaking Engagements

- "[Webinar: 2024 Privacy Overview – How to Ensure Compliance and Reduce Business Risk](#)" September 24, 2024
- "[2024 Mid-Year Privacy Report](#)" (July 24, 2024)
- "[Supreme Court Extends Copyright Damages Beyond Three Years](#)" (May 14, 2024)
- "[California AG Proposes New Amendments To CCPA with the Children's Data Privacy Act](#)" (January 30, 2024)
- "[How To Prepare For California's New Privacy Law For Children](#)" (August 3, 2023)
- "[Vine Notes: Relating wine to beer and spirits, restaurant services, even coffee and fruit: The legal landscape of the vineyard and registering wine trademarks](#)," North Bay Business Journal (August 2, 2023)
- "[Attorney General Seeks Information from California Employers on Compliance with California Consumer Privacy Act](#)" (July 17, 2023)
- "[Enforcement of CPRA Regulations Postponed, But Statute Still in Effect and Enforceable](#)" (July 12, 2023)
- "[Webinar: Preparing for CPRA Enforcement and Other Privacy Law Developments](#)" (June 6, 2023)
- "[Spring / Summer 2023 Privacy Law Report: A Comprehensive Look at New Developments in Data Privacy Laws](#)" (May 26, 2023)
- Center for Social Sector Leadership, Haas School of Business, et al., *Access to Justice for Women: India's Response to Sexual Violence in Conflict and Mass Social Unrest* (2015)
- Center for Constitutional Rights, et al., *U.S. Compliance with the UN Convention Against Torture with respect to Guantanamo Detainees* (2014)

Education

- J.D., University of California, Berkeley, School of Law (2016)
- B.A., with honors University of California, Berkeley (2010)