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# THE PARTNER PERSPECTIVE

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**Moderated by Saurabh Gupta**, Associate, Paul Weiss and Vice-Chair of the PTAB Bar Association Diversity Committee

Want to hear more about what it is like to be a diverse law firm partner practicing IP law? Are you looking for tips and advice on how to advance in your legal career? Do you want to learn how our panelists' diversity is their advantage in the practice of law? Then this is your opportunity! Please join us on Zoom and hear from our fantastic panelists.

# Meet Our Panelists



**Leslie Spencer** is a patent trial litigator with over 20 years of experience handling intellectual property disputes. She represents clients in federal court as well as the Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB), including inter partes review (IPR). Leslie has extensive experience in all phases of patent litigation, including Markman proceedings, expert discovery, Daubert and summary judgment motions, and trial. In addition, she advises clients on intellectual property strategy, asset protection and transactions.

Leslie is a registered patent attorney, who represents clients on matters involving a wide range of technologies, including computer software (including artificial intelligence), automotive technology, financial technology (“Fintech”), blockchain, network communications, encryption and security protocols, semiconductor design and manufacturing, medical devices, and healthcare information technology, among others.

Prior to joining the firm, Leslie was a partner in the New York City office of an international law firm where she practiced intellectual property litigation, and was co-chair of the firm’s diversity committee. Before launching her legal career, Leslie worked for financial services and defense technology companies, and developed a smart card-based secure transaction system.



**Lisa Nguyen** represents cutting-edge companies in intellectual property matters, particularly in litigation brought by non-practicing entities. She is adept at resolving disputes efficiently and identifying pragmatic solutions for her clients.

Lisa represents both plaintiffs and defendants in complex multi-defendant, multi-patent cases. She has substantial experience handling cases pending before district courts across the country, the International Trade Commission (ITC), and the Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB).

Lisa takes a practical and deliberate approach to prepare cases for trial, and regularly disposes of claims early in the process. She has obtained successful trial verdicts, summary judgment rulings, and dismissals at the pleading stage. She has also obtained multiple walk aways for defendants (obtaining dismissals with no payment to plaintiffs), as well as attorneys’ fees.

Lisa regularly speaks and writes on patent counseling and IP issues, and co-coordinates the firm’s “Keeping Tabs on the PTAB” webcast series. Her speaking engagements include presentations at the Advanced Patent Law Institute, Berkeley Center for Law and Technology, the National Conference of Vietnamese American Attorneys, and the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association.



**Dinesh N. Melwani** takes a holistic approach to developing patent strategies for clients. To that end, Dinesh implements strategies that not only solve a client’s immediate need, but also position and protect his client’s business evolution and growth. His practice includes client counseling; efficiently managing, growing, and protecting worldwide patent portfolios; reissuing patents to cover new competing technologies; negotiating patent licenses; conducting IP due diligences to support investment and acquisitions; challenging patents at the PTAB; and advising on patent litigation matters. With respect to litigation, Dinesh’s substantial litigation experience assists with evaluating patent litigation risks from third-party patents and developing suitable strategies for mitigating those risks. His litigation experience also assists in developing inter partes review (IPR) and post grant review (PGR) strategies in concert with concurrent litigation.

Dinesh leads the firm’s Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB) practice. He is a frequent author and lecturer on patent law, including practice before the PTAB, strategic development of patent portfolios, and maximizing the value of those patent portfolios. He also devotes a significant portion of his time to leading BoMc’s diversity efforts and mentoring attorneys through his involvement in organizations such as the Leadership Council on Legal Diversity, American Bar Association, and PTAB Bar Association.