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### PRACTICES

Litigation

### EDUCATION

J.D., cum laude, Indiana  
University School of Law, 2012

B.A., University of Southern  
California, 2007

### ADMISSION

State Bar of California

United States Court of Appeals  
for the Ninth Circuit

United States District Court for  
the Central District of California

United States District Court for  
the Eastern District of California

United States District Court for  
the Northern District of  
California

United States District Court for  
the Southern District of  
California

### AFFILIATIONS

ISANA Academies, Board  
President

Downey Foundation for  
Educational Opportunities,  
Board Member

Vijay is a seasoned litigator focusing his practice on complex commercial litigation. Throughout his career, he has successfully conducted more than 20 jury trials to verdict and has taken over 40 depositions in products liability, breach of contract disputes, hospitality litigation, multi-district federal litigation matters, medical malpractice actions, and mass torts. In addition, he has successfully argued before the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeal.

Prior to joining Burke, Williams, & Sorensen, LLP, Vijay worked for federal and state judges, as a prosecutor for the Los Angeles City Attorney's Office, and at national firms. Most recently, as a trial attorney with an Am Law 100 firm, Vijay primarily represented local municipalities in inverse condemnation actions, wrongful death lawsuits, primary disputes, and constitutional issues.

As a litigation associate with another Am Law 100 firm, Vijay defended professionals and hospitals in mass tort, product liability, medical malpractice claims, breach of contract disputes, negligence, and general commercial litigation. Earlier in his career, he defended insurer clients in state and federal court against premises liability claims.

Every client has specific needs that require certain acumen. Throughout the years of practice, Mr. Patel has developed a successful holistic approach for clients which involves a combination of humanistic traits and legal skills to efficiently solve any issue.

Vijay earned his B.A. in psychology from the University of Southern California and his J.D., *cum laude*, from the Indiana University School of Law, where he was an editor of the Indiana Health Law Review. During law school, he was a judicial extern with the Honorable Otis D. Wright II of the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California. He is a fluent speaker of both Gujarati and Hindi.

Downey Los Amigos Kiwanis,  
Former President

Southeast Los Angeles County  
Workforce Development, Board  
Member

Father-Con, Consulting Board  
Member