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PRACTICE SYNOPSIS

IPSG, a Silicon Valley-based professional corporation, counsels high technology clients in all aspects of intellectual property (IP). The firm specializes in strategic IP counseling, IP portfolio development and management, as well as in developing and executing IP licensing programs. The firm's attorneys are highly skilled in the preparation and prosecution of patent applications in the US Patent and Trademark Office and worldwide. The firm's clients include some of the largest multinationals, as well as cutting-edge Silicon Valley startups.

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Mr. Ashby is an experienced patent attorney who brings to IP Strategy Group a blend of legal and business experience in the intellectual property field. Mr. Ashby was previously Associate General Counsel at Raza Foundries, Inc. (RFI) where he was responsible for RFI intellectual property matters and for providing legal counsel to partner company startups. At Raza Foundries, Mr. Ashby led the development of intellectual asset management programs for a number of venture backed startups including AuroraNetics, which was purchased by Cisco Systems for \$150M (2001), and Pacific Broadband, which was purchased by Juniper Networks for \$200M (2001).

Prior to joining RFI, Mr. Ashby was a Partner in the Silicon Valley office of Flehr, Hohbach, Test Albritton & Herbert, LLP. His practice focused on patents, trademarks, copyrights, trade secrets, licensing and litigation support in the field of intellectual property. He has counseled numerous startups on intellectual property strategy, licensing and other related issues, and has authored more than 100 patent applications. Before attending law school, Mr. Ashby was an electrical engineer at the Naval Research Laboratory where he developed signal processing and communications technology for satellite applications.

Mr. Ashby is a member of the California bar, registered to practice before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and a licensed Professional Engineer. He is an active member of the American Intellectual Property Law Association, Licensing Executives Society, Silicon Valley Intellectual Property Law Association and Santa Clara County Bar Association.

Mr. Ashby received a J.D. from the University of Baltimore where he was Executive Editor of the Intellectual Property Law Journal, and a B.S.E.E. from the University of Maryland College Park.

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Mr. Nguyen brings over a decade of intellectual property experience to IP Strategy Group. Mr. Nguyen practices intellectual property law with an emphasis on the strategic development and deployment of intellectual property, particularly focusing on the procurement, licensing, and enforcement of patents in the electronic, telecommunications and software arts. His extensive IP experience includes client counseling on intellectual property matters; expert opinions concerning patent matters; intellectual property audits and due diligence reviews; and the preparation and successful prosecution of over one hundred of patent applications.

Representative technologies handled by Mr. Nguyen include digital electronics; networking technologies; telecommunications; computer hardware, computer software; semiconductor technologies; medical devices; and storage technologies. His past and current clients include some of the largest networking, communications, computer, and software multinationals.

Prior to forming his own practice, Mr. Nguyen was a partner and member of the executive committee at the law firm of Beyer, Weaver, and Thomas, LLP, and was a managing partner for one of BWT's branch offices. He began his career at Townsend, Townsend, and Crew as a patent attorney. Mr. Nguyen also has significant business and industry experience, having been a co-founder and VP of Business Development of a start-up Silicon Valley telecommunications semiconductor company that was funded by major top-tiered Sand Hill Road venture capital firms and grew to more than 50 engineers. He left the industry in 2001 to return to private practice. He also worked as a design engineer at IBM and Northern Telecom, Inc. (now Nortel), designing communication controllers and telecommunication switches.

Mr. Nguyen earned a dual degree in Electrical Engineering and Political Science from North Carolina State University (with honors) and a J.D. from the University of California at Berkeley (Boalt), where he was a member of the High Technology Law Journal. He is a member of the California State Bar, and is registered to practice before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

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Mr. Sousa is a seasoned patent agent who brings to IP Strategy Group a blend of patent prosecution and business strategy expertise. Mr. Sousa has extensive experience in software architecture, distributed systems, software languages, microprocessor architecture, systems architecture, cryptography, power systems, and mechanical design. He has prosecuted a number of patents in the software, electrical, and mechanical arts.

Mr. Sousa was previously a manager at Hewlett-Packard where he developed the product marketing strategy for e-speak, an innovative web & 3G wireless services software engine. Mr. Sousa also managed an eight-person cross-functional team that developed two RISC microprocessor solutions.

Mr. Sousa received a MBA from the University of Michigan Business School where he was Managing Editor of the Monroe Street Journal, and a B.S.M.E. from the United States Military Academy, West Point.

Mr. Sousa is currently pursuing a J.D. from Santa Clara University School of Law. He is registered to practice before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

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Mr. Luckhardt is a patent attorney with a variety of technical experiences. Mr. Luckhardt has been a private practitioner as well as in-house counsel. Mr. Luckhardt has experience in semiconductor manufacturing, electronics and mechanical technologies. He has prosecuted a number of patents in the software, electrical, and mechanical arts.

Mr. Luckhardt was most recently associate IP counsel at NuTool, Inc. and previously in private practice with a San Francisco Bay Area law firm.

Mr. Luckhardt received a J.D. from University of Connecticut and a BS in Engineering from Duke University. He is a member of the California State Bar, and is registered to practice before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

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Mr. Kali specializes in patent prosecution and associated client counseling. His practice emphasizes the preparation and prosecution of patent applications in a wide range of technologies including semiconductor device fabrication, bioinformatics, gene chip technology, computer software, and digital imaging equipment.

Prior to attending law school Mr. Kali worked for Gruntec America where he gained valuable experience in biohazardous waste remediation, which included thermal analysis of incineration devices used in the destruction of heterogeneous waste streams, process control modeling and software implementation for automated incineration devices, and emission control systems to meet EPA and NAFTA requirements for incineration devices both in the United States and Mexico. Mr. Kali also developed a hybrid full stream video system to deliver educational content for SERA Learning Technologies in cooperation with Stanford University, Sun Systems, Chico State University, and California Polytechnic University.

Mr. Kali received a B.A. in Biochemistry from the University of Arizona, a Masters of Health Administration from San Jose State University, and a J.D. from Santa Clara University. Mr. Kali was also awarded a High Technology Law Certificate at Santa Clara University.

Mr. Kali is registered to practice before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and is a member of the California Bar.

REPRESENTATIVE PATENTS

Belt Drive Transmission
Pat. No. 5,486,143

Cellular Base Station with Intelligent Call Routing
Pat. No. 5,734,979

Computer Display Cursor Controller with Serial Interface
Pat. No. 5,760,764

Educational Game Simulating Business Startup to Initial Public Offering
Pat. No. 6,371,828

Methods and Apparatus for Disabling a Watchdog Function
Pat. No. 5,649,098

Method and Apparatus for the Creation, Manipulation and Display of Data Structures
Pat. No. 5,787,432

Portable Electronic Authorization Devices and Methods Therefor
Pat. No. 5,917,913

Private Multiplexing Cellular Network
Pat. No. 5,818,824