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Suni serves as Chair of Polsinelli's nationally distinguished Post-Grant Practice Group, delivering astute Intellectual Property (IP) counsel to global innovators aiming to optimize and safeguard their IP holdings. With a comprehensive grasp of IP law, Suni has a proven track record in post-grant proceedings, inter partes review (IPR) proceedings and crafting fortified IP portfolios pivotal for driving business outcomes. Recognized for his acumen in post-grant strategies and IP development, Suni also stands as a crucial advisor for startups and savvy investors. Both corporate entities and professional individuals seek his profound industry insights and extensive network to derive tailored solutions addressing their distinct IP and commercial needs.

Post-Grant Proceedings Experience:

Since the mid-2000s, Suni's extensive experience in Post-Grant proceedings has been instrumental. Alongside his team, he pioneered the strategic employment of reexaminations to attain leverage in patent litigation. With their proficiency in presenting and countering invalidity challenges at the United States Patent and Trademark Office, Suni's team has ascended as a preferred choice for IPR and post-grant review (PGR) proceedings, garnering Polsinelli national acclaim. Their strategic finesse and rigorous procedural comprehension have resulted in the favorable direction of hundreds of cases, ensuring clients' IP is staunchly protected and strategically deployed.

Intellectual Property Portfolio Development:

Deeply understanding the nuances of IP law, particularly its interplay with high-stakes litigation and post-grant dynamics, Suni adeptly leads clients in nurturing and fortifying their IP assets. His forward-thinking methods, coupled with deep technical and industry knowledge, assure that clients' IP portfolios are not just shielded but are also strategically aligned for business progression.

Engagement with the Entrepreneurial Community:

Suni's allegiance to the entrepreneurial ecosystem shines in his hands-on advisory role to startups and expansion-driven organizations. Drawing from his extensive industry acumen and network, he furnishes bespoke solutions, priming emergent businesses and their

Capabilities

- Intellectual Property
- Litigation
- Post-Grant Proceedings
- International
- Technology

investors for triumph in a challenging market landscape. As an entrepreneur at heart, Sukduang resonates with the challenges of business growth, channeling his experiences to amplify his clients' networks and proffer solutions fueling their ascent.

Suni possesses a passion for learning and diligently studies his clients' businesses and industries to deliver enhanced value when consulted. He places a premium on open, responsive communication and is committed to forging enduring, trust-based relationships.

Education

- University of Oxford, Hertford College, U.K. (M.B.A., 2011)
- University of New Hampshire Franklin Pierce School of Law (J.D., 2007)
- U.S. Merchant Marine Academy (B.S., *cum laude*, 2003)
 - Marine Engineering Systems with a Minor in Electrical Engineering

Bar Admissions

- Texas, 2007

Recognition

- Selected for inclusion in the IAM Patent 1000 list of the World's Leading Patent Practitioners, 2020-2025, Texas - Silver Litigation & Recommended National - Post Grant Proceedings
- Named as a Top 40 Lawyer Under 40, National Diversity Council, Houston 2017
- Recognized by *Texas Lawyer*, "Legal Leader on the Rise," 2013
- Selected for inclusion in *Texas Rising Stars, Super Lawyers, Intellectual Property*, 2015-2021

Matters

- Successfully represented a publicly traded consumer electronics company in multiple post grant proceedings, related to mobile phone features and design resulting in a settlement on favorable terms.
- Successfully defended a medical device company in ITC, district court, and multiple post grant proceedings related to sleep apnea devices, resulting in a settlement on favorable terms.
- Successfully represented a publicly traded consumer electronics company in multiple post grant proceedings related to graphical user interface design, resulting in a settlement on favorable terms.
- Successfully defended a privately held and international software company in the favorable resolution of patent infringement claims before U.S. federal courts.
- Successfully represented a publicly traded consumer electronics company in multiple post grant proceedings related to antenna design, resulting in a settlement on favorable terms.
- Successfully represented a publicly traded consumer electronics company in multiple post grant proceedings related to semiconductor design, resulting in a settlement on favorable terms.
- Successfully represented a publicly traded consumer electronics company in multiple post grant proceedings related to network infrastructure and design, resulting in a

settlement on favorable terms.

- Successfully represented a publicly traded energy company in post grant proceedings related to behavioral science in energy consumption. The matter resulted in the Patent Owner entering an adverse judgment against itself.
- Successfully represented a retail company in the defense of copyright infringement claims, resulting in a settlement on favorable terms.

Publications

November 7, 2025

Federal Circuit Denies Challenges to USPTO Director's Discretionary Denial Decisions

October 17, 2025

Once Upheld, Always Upheld? USPTO Proposal Limits IPR Access

April 1, 2025

PTAB Discretion in Flux: Lessons from Stellar LLC v. Motorola Solutions Inc.

March 27, 2025

PTAB Unveils Updated Practices for Proceedings