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## Relevant Professional Experience

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***Executive Director, Aphelion Legal Solutions, Houston, TX*** 2010 – Present

- Chairman of the Board of a litigation support consulting, legal staffing, and offshoring company with offices in Houston, TX, Washington, DC, and Chennai, India.
- Oversee executive leadership as well as overall client service, growth and profitability.
- Assist with business development and management efforts.

***Founding Partner, Patel & Warren, PLLC, Houston, TX*** 2007 – Present

- Co-managing partner of Houston based boutique law firm specializing in civil litigation, business counseling, family law, probate, guardianship, and wills and estates.
- Active cases include commercial, personal injury, consumer protection, and real estate litigation matters.
- Transactional and corporate engagements include business formations, regulatory compliance assistance, mergers and acquisitions, offshoring engagements, software licensing agreements, and e-commerce advice.

***Board Member, Xim Technologies, LLC, Houston, TX*** 2010 – Present

- Board Member of a software development company specializing in complex web applications, web 2.0, mobile web, smartphone applications, and cross-platform integration.
- Member of Product Development Committee of Board of Directors charged with the responsibility of identifying market needs and constructing wire frames and algorithms for software products meeting the identified market needs.
- Directly involved with the development and enhancement of Roblock, named Handango's #1 Blackberry Phone application for 2009.

***Chief Executive Officer, Aphelion Legal Solutions, Houston, TX*** 2006 – 2010

- Top executive of a litigation support consulting, legal staffing, and offshoring company with offices in Houston, TX, Washington, DC, and Chennai, India.
- Responsible for profitability, new client development, and strategic planning.
- Provide legal / legal support consulting services to large and small businesses.
- Supervise legal support services provided by onshore and offshore attorney and non-attorney staff.

**Civil Litigation Associate, DLA Piper, San Diego, CA**

2004 – 2005

- Represented a range of clients from publicly traded corporations to private individuals in a number of commercial disputes. Represented officers and directors in securities class action and shareholder derivative suits.
- Responsible for day to day discovery management, legal research, strategy assessment, and motions practice. Argued motions before various courts on pre-trial matters.
- Developed law firm's strategic business plan for possible expansion into the South Asian Subcontinent.

## Licensure

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- All Texas State Courts
- All California State Courts
- The United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas
- The United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas
- The United States District Court for the Southern District of California

## Representative Legal Matters

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- Representation of a group of affiliated healthcare companies in a dispute surrounding a failed assisted living center development project.
- Representation of an individual accused of stealing trade secrets from a former employer.
- Representation of a property owner in a multi-million dollar easement dispute.
- Representation of a company accused of violating consumer protection laws.
- Representation of a company targeted with numerous subpoenas.
- Representation of an escrow company in an action to recover stolen funds.
- Representation of an insurance company in a dispute over an insurance claim.
- Member of a team of attorneys representing a former general counsel of a Fortune 500 company in a private securities litigation matter and an investigation by the SEC.
- Member of a team of attorneys representing a major computer manufacturer in a patent litigation dispute against a competitor.
- Member of a team of attorneys representing a major telecommunications company against allegations of breach of contract and fraud.

## Teaching Experience

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**Adjunct, Rice University, Houston, TX**

- Texas Civil Procedure – Rice University Graduate Paralegal Program, Fall 2010, Spring 2011
- Torts – Rice University Graduate Paralegal Program, Spring 2011

**Adjunct, LoneStar College, Kingwood, TX**

- Busi 2301 – Business Law, Fall 2008
- Busi 2302 – Legal Environment of Business, Spring 2009, Fall 2009

**Adjunct, Lonestar College, Tomball, TX**

- Busi 2301 – Business Law, Spring 2010, Summer 2010, Fall 2010, Spring 2011

## Education

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**The University of Virginia School of Law, Charlottesville, VA**

*Juris Doctorate, 2003*

- Managing Editor, *The Virginia Tax Review*
- Chief Justice of the Moot Court Board
- Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court
  - Member of 2001 U.S. Champion and International Semi-finalist Team
  - Member of 2002 Regional Champion Team
  - 2nd Place Individual Speaker Award, 2001 Regional Competition
  - 1st Place Individual Speaker Award, 2002 Regional Competition
- National Moot Court
  - Member of 2003 Team to Advance to the National Rounds
  - Top Speaker in the 2003 Regional Final Round
- Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot Court
  - Member of 2003 Team to Advance to Elimination Rounds
  - Honorable Mention for Best Oral Advocate in General Rounds
- Environmental Law Moot Court
  - Member of 2002 Team Advancing to Semi-Finals in the National Competition

**Rice University, Houston, TX**

*B.A. in Political Science / Policy Studies, 2000*

- Parliamentary Debate Awards
  - National Champion, 1999 Pi Kappa Delta National Tournament
  - Reached Elimination Rounds at 1999 and 2000 NPDA National Tournaments
  - Numerous Regional Tournament Championships and Speaker Awards from 1997-2000
- Speech Awards
  - National Champion, Extemporaneous Speaking, 2000 AFA-NIET
  - National Champion, Informative Speaking, 2000 AFA-NIET
  - National Semi-finalist, Persuasive Speaking, 2000 AFA-NIET
  - National Champion, Impromptu Speaking, 2000 Pi Kappa Delta
  - National Champion, Informative Speaking, 2000 Pi Kappa Delta
  - National Semi-finalist, Informative Speaking, 1999 AFA-NIET N
  - Numerous Regional Tournament Individual Speaking Awards from 1997-2000
- Brown College Constitution Committee

## Publications / Presentations

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*“The International Impact of U.S. eDiscovery Obligations – Managing Risk and Reducing Compliance Costs,”* The Fourth International Conference on Legal, Security, and Privacy Issues in IT Law, November 3 – 5, 2009, Sliema, Malta. November 4, 2009

*“Resolving the Unique Challenges Involved with Legal Process Outsourcing in India,”* American Conference Institute LPO Summit, February 23 – 24, 2009, New York City, NY. February 24, 2009

*Keynote Address*, First Annual Pro Bono Enviro Moot Court Competition, School of Excellence in Law of the Tamil Nadu Dr. Ambedkar Law University, Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India. April 6, 2008

*“No More My Lais: Reshaping the Law of Command Responsibility,”* published in To Oppose Any Foe: The Legacy of U.S. Intervention in Vietnam, Carolina Academic Press, 2006. 2006