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UNLIKE MANY LEADING NATIONAL FIRMS, HKW's approach to staffing IPRs is to use a lean approach, in order to avoid waste or duplication of efforts. Veteran HKW partners **John North** and **Steve Hill** provide strategy input on crafting the invalidity arguments, working with the client, and the expert as necessary to prepare a winning petition. John and Steve are involved as needed in depositions and presentation of issues at trial. In addition to their specific experience in IPR, John and Steve have significant experience coordinating district court litigation strategy and post-grant review strategy.

For projects involving electrical engineering or the computer arts, the front line work will be performed by **Vivek Ganti**, an associate with significant experience in IPR work. Vivek has an electrical engineering degree and was an engineer at Intel before practicing law. For projects involving pharmaceutical or chemistry, **Sharad Bijanki**, who holds a B.S. in Chemical Engineering and Bio Molecular Engineering and worked at General Mills before law school, will perform the front line work. Vivek and Sharad prepare and evaluate claim charts, work with the expert and take the lead in drafting the petition.

SUMMARY

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Recognition by most respected attorney rating organizations

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