

## Vinay B. Patel - Background

### Overview

Vinay B. Patel was born in Birmingham, England. Vinay's experience includes representing insurance companies, business entities, property owners' associations, association board members, and individuals in a variety of commercial matters, including litigation and mediation in various disputes. Vinay is board certified in Property Owners Association law.

Vinay provides the following services for our Community Association clients:

- Drafting Community Association Governing Documents
- Amending Community Association Governing Documents
- Creating the Non-Profit Corporation
- Providing General Corporate Representation
- Assessment Collection and Litigation
- Contract Review and Negotiation
- General Corporate Litigation
- Analysis, Interpretation, and Enforcement of the Community Association's Governing Documents
- Creditor's Rights
- Foreclosure
- Eviction Proceedings
- Property Tax Matters
- Counseling developer representation or committees in the pre-transition, transition and post-transition phases of a community development.



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Property Owners & Community  
Associations

### Representative Experience

- Defended claims against property owners' associations and board members regarding claims involving board governance, enforcement of deed restrictions, challenges to lien foreclosures, architectural control committee decisions, and counter-claims in assessment disputes.
- Obtained injunctive relief enforcing restrictive covenants in property owners' associations.
- Representation of insureds in declaratory judgment disputes and disputes involving alleged violations of the Texas Property Code and the Deceptive Trade Practices-Consumer Protection Act.
- Obtained summary judgment for client where Plaintiff sought injunctive relief and treble damages.
- Representation of non-profit entity in claim for breach of contract arising out of property damage dispute and mold remediation, resulting in mediated settlement.

### Professional and Community Activities

- Member, Community Associations Institute - D/FW Chapter
- Member, Texas Community Association Advocates - Advisory Council
- Texas Minority Counsel Program - Networking Through Service Project
- Habitat for Humanity

## Speeches, Articles and Presentations

- Overview of the 84th Legislative Session - Lunch and Learn Presentation Series (2015)
- Assessment Collections: "Everything You Needed to Know But Were Afraid to Ask" (2014)
- The Association's Foreclosure Sale Results in Ownership by the Association: Now What? (2014)
- Xeriscaping: The New Turf War in Texas (2013)
- SBB Leadership Forum: Overview of the 83rd Legislative Session (2013)
- CAI Expo: The Extraordinary Importance of Contract Law
- Changes in Voting Laws for Property Owners Associations in Texas (2012)

## Education/Admissions

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- Oklahoma City University School of Law, J.D., 1998, **cum laude**
- University of Texas at Arlington, B.B.A. in Accounting, 1995

## Experience

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- Texas, 1998
- United States District Court, Northern and Southern Districts of Texas

## News/Publications

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Vinay Patel writes blog on HOA Turf Wars

Changes in Voting Laws for Property Owners Associations in Texas

An HOA Board should work towards putting into place vote casting mechanisms that will enable greater owner participation.