



Overview

**Law firm Name** K&S Partners Location India **Industry** Legal





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K&S Partners are a leading full-service Intellectual Property law firm advising clients from around the world. Unmatched in their in-depth domain expertise, they assist their clients in protecting and enhancing the value of their IP assets. Their client-focused teams are uniquely placed to serve client needs critical to their business. They have a pan-India presence with five offices across the country and 110 plus professionals. Their strong ties with associate firms in India's neighboring countries have made them a one-stop-shop for IP services in these countries.

## The firm has been instrumental in setting precedents in some groundreaking areas of IP.

One of the core practice areas of K&S Partners is Intellectual Property, including patent drafting, filings and prosecution. In recent years, the firm started to show steady growth with patent filings in the US, WO and EP. With an increase in filings comes a need to draft a higher volume of high-quality, error-free patent applications.

Going by traditional way, wherein they were exhausting a lot of manual work hours on proof reading and evaluating final patent application, the process was not only lengthy, but also time consuming. To ensure quality, the firm decided to invest in a tool to help with the drafting and review process of patent applications for their clients. With incorporating LexisNexis PatentOptimizer<sup>®</sup>, K&S Partner is not only able to save a lot of their time, but also their overall efficiency increased and they were able to develop consistent, error-free patent applications further saving a lot of the cost for their customers.







**Nikhil S. Reddy, Senior Associate**, handles drafting and filing of patent applications in the areas of mechanical engineering, electromechanics, tool engineering and automotive engineering. He also handles patent prosecution, both domestic and foreign. In addition to managing patent portfolios for a myriad of clientele, he handles design filings and prosecution for many clients. He regularly conducts patent searches and renders opinions on patentability, Invalidation and Infringement Analysis. Nikhil is also a Patent Agent who regularly appears before the Indian Patent Office for various hearing matters.

"PatentOptimizer<sup>®</sup> helps me to manage and monitor my patent drafting for procedural errors, and I use the summary report to correct my team members' work" Nikhil mentioned. In addition, he mentioned that, "Each patent office has its own norms and requirements, some challenges included seeking help from seasoned attorneys of that particular jurisdiction in order to comply with the drafts with respect to that particular jurisdiction. The biggest challenge was again to bring the drafts into the perspective of each of the patent office's requirements or formats in order to avoid unnecessary rejections during prosecution." Nikhil recalled, "The more they used PatentOptimizer, the more their patent applications were free from various errors. With every member of the team using PatentOptimizer, they have been able to receive maximum benefits. The team has also been able to save time fixing antecedent basis, claim function language and claim structure issues with the help of PatentOptimizer."

Nikhil mentioned that LexisNexis PatentOptimizer<sup>®</sup> shines in identifying key errors such as: "enablement of claims in the specifications, analysis on the specification, fixing the consistencies of terms usage, missing term usage detection, enablement aspects, trivial language errors, etc."

For Nikhil, it is important to get a high-level of accuracy in the diagrams and their part numbers. He recollected, "before using PatentOptimizer, it was very tough to maintain consistencies between part numbers and part names. However, the Check Parts feature helps them to fix the inconsistency errors in less time and effort." "PatentOptimizer<sup>®</sup> helps me to draft better quality patent applications, with less errors, more quickly and easily."



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