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**Gary P. Oakeson is an equity partner at Thorpe North & Western and a licensed attorney in both California and Utah. As a registered patent attorney, his practice focuses primarily in the areas of patent prosecution, opinion work, and litigation support, in addition to his trademark and copyright practice. He received a Bachelor of Science degree from Brigham Young University and a Juris Doctor degree from California Western School of Law.**

**While in law school, Mr. Oakeson focused his attention on intellectual property studying patent, trademark, copyright, and biotechnology law. He earned the academic achievement award for trademark law and authored a paper entitled *The Use of U.S. Patented Transgenic Animals in Drug Discovery Abroad*.**

**In the patent arena, Mr. Oakeson has worked in diverse areas of technology, including work in the chemical, biological, mechanical, and electrical arts. He has rendered numerous opinions on validity, infringement, patentability, and freedom to operate. He also has experience with cease and desist matters, reexamination proceedings, interferences, appeals, license agreements, litigation support, due diligence reviews, and University technology transfer. His patent drafting experience includes, in part, bind-release separation (including amino acid and nucleic acid separation), chromatography, silicon chemistry, polymer chemistry, chelation, drug delivery, food fortification, nutritional supplements, medical equipment, transdermal compositions and devices, sporting equipment, diamond coatings and composites, plasma devices, antennas, catheters, printing inks and media, ink-jet and laser-jet technologies, wireless communication, chemical sensors, electrolysis, drafting tools, thermal devices, optics, micro-electro-mechanical systems (MEMS), circuitry and semiconductor fabrication, nanotechnology, business methods, and designs.**

**Prior to joining Thorpe North & Western, Mr. Oakeson gained a breadth of experience working for various legal organizations. Mr. Oakeson spent time with the U.S. Department of Justice in the Office of the U.S. Trustee. He was also a member of an environmental litigation team that litigated issues concerning region-wide chemical water contamination. Additionally, he spent some time with an intellectual property law firm in San Diego that specialized in patent, copyright, and trademark litigation.**

