

Ball Janik LLP. Hires Land Use Attorney Nikesh J. Patel

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Ball Janik LLP is pleased to announce that Nikesh J. Patel has joined as the newest land use & development associate in the firm's Portland office. Patel will assist the firm with various legal matters surrounding affordable housing, mixed-use, commercial, and community development. Patel's experience includes local government procedures, highlighted by his time as an honors attorney with the City of Portland and an associate in a real estate and land use group at a major international law firm.

"Nikesh is a welcomed addition for the firm's Portland office," said Heather Oden, Ball Janik's Chief Operating Officer. "His knowledge and experience in the local area are invaluable, and we are excited to see his contributions help the office grow and add to our offerings for clients."



Patel's experience includes assisting clients in their development goals by working collaboratively with local governments and communities to establish common objectives. He has advised city bureaus on housing and development programs and assisted in legislation and administrative rules. Patel takes great pride in shaping the future of land use. As a Portland native, he sees it as his responsibility to ensure he contributes to the longstanding health of his community by assisting local community organizations.

"I am thrilled to be joining a law firm with the industry reputation that Ball Janik has," said Patel. "Ball Janik holds a strong reputation in the region as an industry leader in real estate and land use law. The firm is dedicated to its clients and has significantly contributed to the Portland community since its inception. I cannot wait to see what we all accomplish together."

Patel graduated *cum laude* with his Bachelor of Science in Economics from the University of Oregon in 2014. He received his J.D. from the University of Minnesota Law School in 2017. He is a member of the Oregon Asian Pacific American Bar Association, the Oregon Chapter of NAIOP, the Urban Land Institute, the Oregon State Bar, and the Washington State Bar. In law school, Patel served as a law clerk at the U.S. Senate Finance Committee in Washington, D.C. for Senator Ron Wyden and published an article with the Minnesota Journal of International Law titled, "*An Emerging Trend in International Trade: A Shift to Safeguard Against ISDS Abuses and Protect Host-State Sovereignty.*" He also interned at the U.S. Attorney's Office.

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Since our firm's inception, we have expanded our capabilities, professionals, and geographic footprint. In doing so, we have earned a national reputation for upholding the rights of our clients.

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