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During the day, Lawrence G. Almeda ("L.G.") is a partner at Brinks Gilson & Lione, one of the largest intellectual property law firms in the country. With over 20 years of experience, L.G. has helped secure and protect the innovations of the world's largest corporations and the newest technology-based startups. He chairs the firm's Nanotechnology Group and Brazil Team. He focuses his practice on patent opinions and procurement in the medical, chemical, nanotechnology, oil, alternative energy, and mechanical arts. Prior to law, L.G. held technical positions in the petroleum and plastics sectors. This direct industry experience has proven to be extremely valuable, especially in managing his teams charged with maintaining and leveraging his clients' patent portfolios.

At night, L.G. owns a Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu academy. Prior to purchase, he was an avid competitor, averaging seven tournaments per year, eventually taking Silver at the Pan-American Championships. Today, L.G. focuses on the operation of the Academy although he regularly trains and occasionally competes.