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Sherrika Arch started Straight Line Management over eight years ago — with herself as the only employee — working solely in project management. Since then, she's expanded the e of the few African-n-owned general ruction management tonio, to 17 full-time e company does , Houston, New and it has increased from \$50,000 to \$5

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## Smita Bhakta

## ATTORNEY

Kruger Carson PLLC



Smita Bhakta's counsel has been integral to some of the most distinguished and recognizable commercial developments in Central and South Texas. In San Antonio, she has

worked on many landmark developments. Her career highlights include representing:

- A San Antonio-based developer in connection with the acquisition, redevelopment, leasing and disposition of numerous in-fill properties in downtown San Antonio and neighboring areas
- A major metro-area water utility regarding a billion-dollar pipeline project
- One of the largest regional supermarket chains in the United States in the acquisition, development, leasing and sale of several grocery stores and shopping centers in Texas

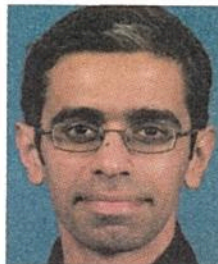
Bhakta is a member of the Real Estate Council of San Antonio and completed its leadership development program in 2007. She is also actively involved in the San Antonio chapter of Commercial Real Estate Women, where she has held leadership positions for several years and is on the board of directors as the programs director.

She received one of 12 Outstanding Lawyers Awards from the San Antonio Business Journal in 2016, while Texas Monthly magazine has included her multiple times on its annual "Rising Stars" list in real estate law.

## Pranav Bhounsule

## ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

University of Texas at San Antonio



Pranav Bhounsule likens his job profile at UTSA to that of an entrepreneur.

"I have a vision for my research. I raise money to fund my research. I hire, train and ... meet the goals and deadlines set by the funding

agency, and I publish and patent my ideas and research products," he said.

Meanwhile, he educates and trains the next generation of engineers.

Bhounsule's research is in legged and humanlike robots. His doctoral thesis was on creating computer algorithms for energy-efficient walking. The algorithm was demonstrated by setting a long-distance walking record with a legged robot that walked 40.5 miles using about 6 cents of electricity. His post-doctoral training was at Disney Research, where he worked on creating computer algorithms for Disney's humanoid animatronics. Over the past two years, he has continued his research at UTSA by starting the Robotics and Motion Lab, for which he raised \$200,000 to fund his research.

Outside the lab, he has been involved in STEM programs in the community. In fall 2016, 33 students in his robotics classroom mentored more than 220 students at elementary and middle schools with high Hispanic populations, teaching them how to program and build robots to compete in a national competition. He also helped create a robot workshop for The DoSeum.

