What is claimed is:

1. An article comprising a substrate having first major surface and second, generally opposed major surfaces, and a first layer on the first major surface, wherein the first layer has a first random, anisotropic nanostructured surface, wherein the first layer comprises a matrix and a nanoscale dispersed phase, wherein the first, anisotropic random, nanostructured surface comprises nanofeatures having a height to width ratio of at least 5:1, and wherein the first layer has an average thickness up to 0.5 micrometer.

2. The article of claim 1, wherein the first layer comprises a matrix and a nanoscale dispersed phase.

3. The article of claim 2, wherein the matrix is a polymeric matrix.

4. The article of any preceding claim, wherein the first layer has an average thickness up to 0.15 micrometer.

~~5. The article of any preceding claim, wherein the first, random, nanostructured surface is anisotropic.~~

6. The article of claim 1, wherein the first, random, nanostructured anisotropic surface has a percent reflection of less than 1%.

~~7~~6. The article of any preceding claim, further comprising a functional layer disposed between the first major surface of the substrate and the first layer, wherein this functional layer is at least one of a transparent conductive layer or a gas barrier layer.

~~8~~7. The article of any of claims 1 to ~~6~~5, further comprising a functional layer disposed on the first random, nanostructured surface, wherein this functional layer is at least one of a transparent conductive layer or a gas barrier layer.

~~9~~8. The article of any preceding claim, further comprising a second layer on the second major surface of the substrate, wherein the second layer has a random, nanostructured surface, and wherein the second layer has an average thickness up to 0.5 micrometer.

~~10~~9. The article of claim ~~9~~8, further comprising a functional layer disposed between the second major surface of the substrate and the second layer, wherein this functional layer is at least one of a transparent conductive layer or a gas barrier layer.

~~11~~10. The article of claim ~~9~~8, further comprising a functional layer disposed on the second random, nanostructured surface, wherein this functional layer is at least one of a transparent conductive layer or a gas barrier layer.

~~12~~11. The article of any preceding claim, wherein the substrate is a polarizer.

~~13~~12. The article of claim ~~12~~11, wherein the polarizer is a reflective polarizer.

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~~14~~13. The article of either claim ~~12~~-11 or ~~13~~12, wherein the polarizer is diffuse.

~~15~~14. The article of claim ~~12~~11, wherein the polarizer is an absorptive polarizer.