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, wherein a majority of the nanofeatures are capped with nanoscale dispersed phase from the nanoscale phase in the matrix,~~and~~ wherein the first layer has an average thickness up to 0.5 micrometer, and wherein the first, random, nanostructured anisotropic surface of the first layer itself has a percent reflection of less than 1%.

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

~~3~~2. The article of claim ~~2~~1, wherein the matrix is a polymeric matrix.

~~4~~3. The article of any preceding claim, wherein the first layer has an average thickness up to 0.15 micrometer.

~~5. The article of claim 1, wherein the first, random, nanostructured anisotropic surface has a percent reflection of less than 1%.~~

~~6~~4. 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.

~~7~~5. The article of any of claims 1 to ~~5~~3, 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.

~~8~~6. 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.

~~9~~7. The article of claim ~~8~~6, 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.

~~10~~8. The article of claim ~~8~~6, 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.

~~11~~9. The article of any preceding claim, wherein the substrate is a polarizer.

~~12~~10. The article of claim ~~11~~9, wherein the polarizer is a reflective polarizer.

~~13~~11. The article of either claim ~~11~~9 or ~~12~~10, wherein the polarizer is diffuse.

~~14~~12. The article of claim ~~11~~9, wherein the polarizer is an absorptive polarizer.