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Overview

Kalpana Srinivasan tries cutting-edge cases in courtrooms across the country. She serves as Susman Godfrey's fourth managing partner in the firm's 45-year history and a member of its executive committee, helping lead the 200-lawyer litigation firm in its handling of high-profile matters across the nation.

A fellow of the International Academy of Trial Lawyers, Ms. Srinivasan has been described as an **"engaging, exceptionally smart and approachable lawyer," "a strong tactical leader,"** and **"strategic, creative and compelling"** as first-chair trial lawyer by Chambers USA; she has been deemed a Titan of the Plaintiffs Bar by Law360; and recognized by *Benchmark Litigation* as one of the Top 100 Trial Lawyers in America, its California Intellectual Property Litigation Attorney of the Year, Plaintiff Attorney of the Year, Trial Lawyer of the Year in California and one of the Top 10 Women Litigators. The Legal 500, in its Tier 1 rankings, described her work at "the intersection of intellectual property and unfair competition, all while displaying strong know-how of the technology industry." **"She's incredibly brilliant, but also down to earth, relatable and personable.... [S]he has great courtroom presence,"** says IAM Patent 1000.

Ms. Srinivasan was recognized as Attorney of the Year in 2024 by *The Recorder*, has been repeatedly recognized as one of the leading 500 lawyers in America by *Lawdragon*, and has been named an Intellectual Property MVP by Law360. The *National Law Journal* has recognized her as both a Winning Litigator and an Intellectual Property Trailblazer. Ms. Srinivasan also been named a Power Lawyer by *The Hollywood Reporter* and was featured in *Lawdragon's* Plaintiff Issue.

Ms. Srinivasan and her co-counsel received a California Lawyer Attorneys of the Year (CLAY) award for their work in Flo & Eddie Inc. v. Sirius XM Radio

Inc., a copyright class action involving pre-1972 sound recordings. Ms. Srinivasan argued the appeal of the underlying issue to the 9th Circuit in 2021.

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“She is just on fire.”

Client quote from Chambers USA

In California, Ms. Srinivasan is considered one of the state's Top 100 Lawyers and repeatedly as one of its Top IP Lawyers and Top Women Lawyers by the *Daily Journal*. *The Recorder* has included her among the Women Leaders in Tech Law and named her a California Trailblazer.

The *National Law Journal* has named Ms. Srinivasan an Elite Woman of the Plaintiff's Bar and one of the nation's 75 Outstanding Lawyers.

Ms. Srinivasan is the recipient of the Cornerstone Award from the South Asian Bar Association of North America and the Gender Diversity Lawyer of the Year from Chambers for her efforts on behalf of diverse and female lawyers in the legal profession.

Ms. Srinivasan sits on the advisory forum of Stanford Law School's Rhode Center on the Legal Profession to make civil justice more equitable, accessible, and transparent. She currently serves on Senator Alex Padilla's Judicial Evaluation Commission for the Central District of California and previously served on the Judicial Nominees Evaluation Commission of the California State Bar. Ms. Srinivasan previously acted as vice-president for the Western Justice Center and held leadership roles on the executive committee of the South Asian Bar Association. She has also taught a course on Class Actions at UCLA Law School.

Before becoming a lawyer, Ms. Srinivasan reported for The Associated Press in Washington D.C., covering national media and telecommunications policy. Read about her prior career in *Super Lawyers*' 2017 profile, "From AP to IP."

Notable Representations

Intellectual Property

- ***Paltalk v. Cisco (W.D. Tex.)*** Won a \$65.7 million jury verdict on behalf of Paltalk Holdings, a global communications software innovator, in a patent infringement lawsuit against Cisco Systems for Webex's audio server technology. The win was covered by Bloomberg Law, Law360, Reuters, and USA Herald, among others. Ms. Srinivasan and her co-lead counsel were interviewed by World Intellectual Property Review regarding this major win. Read more.
- ***Black Knight v. PennyMac (Fla. Arbitration)***. Obtained an arbitration award, confirmed by a state court judgment, of nearly \$160 million on

behalf of client mortgage servicing technology company Black Knight based on former customer PennyMac's misuse of confidential information. The award followed nearly two months of arbitration in Jacksonville, Florida. The arbitrator also awarded no damages to PennyMac on its antitrust counterclaims against Black Knight. [Read more.](#)

- ***Title Source Inc v. HouseCanary (U.S. Dist. Ct. of Bexar County, TX, 73rd Judicial District)*** Secured a jury verdict of \$706.2 million for real estate analytics company, HouseCanary, in a misappropriation of trade secret, fraud and breach of contract case against Title Source Inc. – an affiliate of Quicken Loans. Ms. Srinivasan later argued the appeal of the verdict to 4th District Court of Appeal in San Antonio, which reversed on a jury instruction issue. This case was covered by [Law360](#), the [Wall Street Journal](#), [Bloomberg](#) and [Texas Lawyer](#). [Read more.](#)
- ***California Institute of Technology (Caltech) v. Samsung Electronics Co. Ltd. (E.D. Tex.)*** Lead counsel for Caltech in pursuing its seminal Wi-Fi patents for infringement against Samsung's mobile and other devices. The case resolved before trial.
- ***Biohaven Therapeutics and Yale University v. Avilar Therapeutics Inc. (D. Del.)*** Lead counsel for Yale University in its trade secret and breach of contract claims against Avilar Therapeutics related to targeted protein degradation trade secrets developed by a Yale professor.
- ***Pascal Metrics v. Health Catalyst (Delaware Superior Ct.)*** Secured a confidential settlement for healthcare analytics company, Pascal Metrics, in its trade secret theft case against Health Catalyst relating to algorithms or "triggers" to identify adverse health events for hospital patients.
- ***Atlas Global Technologies v. Samsung and others (E.D. Tex.; W.D. Tex.)*** Prosecution of Atlas Global Technologies' standard essential patents used for new generation Wi-Fi devices against Samsung, TP-Link and others.
- ***Pegasus Wireless v. AT&T, T-Mobile, & Verizon (E.D. Tex.)*** Serving as co-lead counsel to Pegasus in actions asserting standard essential telecommunications patents against the major carriers.
- ***Sol IP v. AT&T, Sprint, & Verizon (E.D. Tex.)*** Served as co-lead counsel to Sol IP in actions asserting key LTE and Wi-Fi patents against the major telecommunications carriers, Sprint, AT&T and Verizon. The case resolved against all defendants a month before trial.
- ***Finjan v. Bitdefender (N.D. Cal.)*** Defended cyber-security provider, Bitdefender, against claims of patent infringement by Finjan. The case resolved shortly before trial.
- ***Jawbone v. Fitbit (International Trade Commission, N.D. Cal.)*** Served as co-lead counsel for Jawbone in various patent infringement and trade secret cases in the ITC and district courts involving wearable devices

against competitor Fitbit. The cases resolved in a global confidential settlement.

- **MicroUnity v. Apple (E.D. Tex.)** Represented MicroUnity Systems Engineering, Inc., one of the leading innovators in the microprocessor industry, in its patent infringement lawsuit against Apple and Samsung from infringement of patents covering “mediaprocessor” technology. The case settled with the last of the defendants taking licenses just shortly before trial.

Antitrust

- **Federal Trade Commission v. Intercontinental Exchange, Inc. (ICE) and Black Knight, Inc. (N.D. Cal./Federal Trade Commission (FTC))** Served as lead trial counsel for ICE in injunctive proceedings brought by the FTC in federal court in California and in an administrative hearing in the FTC related to ICE’s \$11.7 billion proposed acquisition of Black Knight. The FTC dismissed its injunction before the parties then reached a consent order.
- **In re Sunday Ticket (C.D. Cal)** Following three-week jury trial, obtained with Susman Godfrey team a finding the NFL engaged in a conspiracy and violated the antitrust laws through its Sunday Ticket offering. The jury-awarded damages amount was vacated by the trial court on a post-trial motion, but the court left untouched the jury’s determination that the NFL violated two different provisions of the Sherman Act. Proceedings in the matter are ongoing
- **Netgear v. Huawei (C.D. Cal)** Served as lead counsel in defending Huawei from antitrust and RICO claims by Netgear. After argument on Huawei’s motion to dismiss Netgear’s complaint, the case settled with Netgear taking a license to Huawei’s standard essential patents. [Read more.](#)
- **Provi v RNDG/Southern Glazer (D. Ill)** Representing alcohol marketplace platform in claims of anticompetitive boycott against the nation’s largest alcohol distributors.
- **In re Telescopes (N.D. Cal.)** Serving as interim co-lead counsel representing a putative class of indirect purchasers of amateur telescopes impacted by a conspiracy to fix prices and allocate markets for telescopes sold to consumers in the United States. The parties reached a settlement for \$32 million and are seeking court approval.
- **In re Qualcomm (N.D. Cal.)** Personally [appointed by the Court](#) as co-lead counsel in this litigation on behalf of indirect purchasers impacted by Qualcomm’s anti-competitive conduct. The case is currently on appeal to the 9th Circuit.

Entertainment, Media, & Gaming

- ***KSFB Management, LLC v. Focus Financial Partners, LLC and Goldman Sachs & Co. LLC (Los Angeles S. Ct.)***. Representing Focus Financial Partners – which partners with various independent, wealth management firms -- in lawsuits brought by KSFB. Successfully defended Focus against New York law claims, obtaining a full dismissal state court.
- ***Universal Cable Productions LLC (UCP) et al. v. Atlantic Specialty Insurance Co. (C.D. Cal.)*** Served as lead trial counsel for NBC Universal subsidiary, UCP, in its dispute with insurance carrier, Atlantic, over the cost to relocate filming the TV miniseries “Dig” out of Jerusalem due to bombing by Hamas. UCP received a full win on liability before the court. The case settled the day before trial for bad faith denial of coverage and damages.
- ***ZiiLabs v. Samsung (E.D. Tex.)*** Represented ZiiLabs, a subsidiary of the Singapore-based media company Creative Technologies Ltd. ZiiLabs brought claims for patent infringement of its patents related to graphics processing technology developed originally by 3DLabs. The case settled on the eve of trial after Apple had taken a license.
- ***PalTalk v. Sony and Activision (E.D. Tex.)*** Represented PalTalk Holdings, Inc., the nation’s premiere Internet video chat community, in its patent infringement lawsuit against Sony’s World of Warcraft, Activision Blizzard’s Call of Duty and other video game offerings. The case settled before trial after PalTalk received a favorable Markman ruling.
- ***PalTalk v. Microsoft (E.D. Tex.)*** Prosecuted PalTalk’s patent claims against Microsoft Corp. for its Xbox video game offerings, culminating in a 2009 jury trial. The parties settled on the fourth day of trial, following Ms. Srinivasan’s cross-examination of Microsoft’s first witness. [Read more.](#)

Class Actions

- ***Flo & Eddie v. Sirius XM/Pandora (C.D. Cal.)*** Serve as co-lead counsel representing Flo & Eddie (the founding members of 60’s music group, The Turtles) along with a class of owners of pre-1972 sound recordings for copyright violations by music provider Sirius XM. Flo & Eddie settled with Sirius XM and Ms. Srinivasan and her co-leads were named “[California Lawyer Attorneys of the Year](#)” by *The Daily Journal* for their legal work on this case. Ms. Srinivasan argued the appeal of the underlying issue in the Sirius XM cases before the Ninth Circuit in 2021.
- ***Bernstein et al v. Cengage (S.D.N.Y.)***Representing authors of higher education textbooks for failure to pay royalties owed on their contracts when those texts were offered on the company’s online platforms. Secured a non-reversionary settlement of \$21 million approved by the court for past damages.
- ***Melissa Ferrick et al v. Spotify USA Inc. et al (S.D.N.Y.)*** Secured a deal worth over \$100 million to settle a class-action lawsuit with music

streaming service, Spotify, brought on behalf of music copyright owners. [Read more.](#)

- ***Johnston v. Rawlings (Kentucky State Ct.)*** Won a defense-side jury verdict on behalf of The Rawlings Company in a certified class action challenging the company's classification of its employees following a three-week jury trial. The jury verdict was featured in the [*American Lawyer*](#).
- ***Wage and Hour Class Action Trial (Minnesota St. Ct.)*** Tried to verdict a three-month wage and hour class action representing the nation's largest retailers. At trial, Ms. Srinivasan conducted the direct and cross examinations of more than a dozen witnesses.

Honors & Distinctions

BENCHMARK LITIGATION (EUROMONEY)

- Top 100 Lawyers in America ([2020](#), [2021](#), [2022](#), [2023](#), [2024](#), [2025](#))
- Top 250 Women in Litigation ([2020](#), [2021](#), [2022](#), [2023](#), [2024](#))
- Top 10 Women in Litigation ([2020](#), [2021](#))
- Top 20 California Trial Lawyers ([2022](#), [2023](#))
- Intellectual Property Litigation Attorney of the Year, Plaintiff Attorney of the Year, and Trial Lawyer of the Year ([2020](#))

BEST LAWYERS IN AMERICA (WOODWARD WHITE INC.)

- Recommended Lawyer, Commercial Litigation ([2021](#), [2022](#), [2023](#), [2024](#), [2025](#))

CORPORATE COUNSEL

- [Managing Partner of the Year](#) (2021, ALM)

CHAMBERS

- Chambers Leading Practitioner in California for Litigation: General Commercial and Antitrust: Mainly Plaintiff (2020, [2021](#), [2022](#), [2023](#), [2024](#))
- [Gender Diversity Lawyer of the Year](#) (2019)

DAILY JOURNAL

- Top Plaintiff Lawyer ([2024](#))
- Leading Commercial Litigator ([2023](#), [2024](#), [2025](#))
- Top Intellectual Property Lawyer in California ([2017](#), [2019](#), [2020](#), [2021](#), [2022](#), [2024](#))
- Top Woman Lawyer in California ([2017](#), [2018](#))

- Top 100 Lawyers in California ([2017](#))
- California Lawyer of the Year ([2017](#)). Click [here](#) for a photo of Ms. Srinivasan, along with co-counsel, receiving the award.
- California's Top 20 Lawyers Under the Age of 40 ([2014](#))

IAM PATENT 1000

- IAM Patent 1000: Worlds Leading Patent Professionals ([2023](#), [2024](#))

LAW360

- [Titan of the Plaintiffs Bar](#) (2019)
- [Intellectual Property MVP](#) (2018)
- [Powerbroker](#) (2015)

LAWDRAGON

- Legend ([2025](#))
- 500 Global Plaintiff Lawyers ([2024](#), [2025](#))
- 500 Leading Litigators ([2022](#), [2023](#), [2024](#))
- 500 Leading Lawyers in America ([2019](#), [2020](#), [2021](#), [2022](#), [2023](#), [2024](#), [2025](#))
- 500 Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyers ([2019](#), [2020](#), [2021](#), [2022](#), [2023](#), [2024](#))

LEGAL 500 (LEGALEASE LTD.)

- Recommended Lawyer, Antitrust: Civil Litigation and Class Actions by *The Legal 500* ([2019](#), [2020](#), [2021](#), [2022](#), [2023](#)) and Dispute Resolution: General Commercial Disputes ([2020](#), [2021](#), [2022](#), [2023](#))

LOS ANGELES BUSINESS JOURNAL

- [Women of Influence: Attorneys](#) (2022)
- [Top Minority Attorney in Los Angeles](#) (2020)
- [Leader in Law Award](#) (2018, 2019)

MANAGING INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY – IP STARS (EUROMONEY)

- [Top 250 Women in IP Worldwide](#) (2021)
- [Patent Star in California, Top Trial Lawyer](#) (2019, 2020, 2021)

NATIONAL LAW JOURNAL (ALM)

- Plaintiffs' Lawyers Trailblazers ([2020](#))

- Elite Woman of the Plaintiffs Bar ([2018](#), [2019](#), [2020](#), [2023](#))
- Winning Litigator ([2019](#))
- Intellectual Property Trailblazer ([2018](#))
- Outstanding Women Lawyers ([2015](#))

THE RECORDER (ALM)

- Attorney of the Year ([2024](#)) Read Winner Announcement [here](#) and Finalist Profile [here](#).
- Women Leaders in Tech Law ([2022](#), [2018](#), 2017, 2016). Click [here](#) for a picture of Ms. Srinivasan at the 2018 honoree event.
- California Trailblazer ([2019](#))

SUPER LAWYERS – CALIFORNIA LAW & POLITICS (THOMSON REUTERS)

- Super Lawyer – an honor awarded to the top 5% of lawyers in the Southern California area. (2016-2024)
- Southern California's Women Super Lawyers (2017, 2024)

OTHER

- Recipient of the [Cornerstone Award](#), South Asian Bar Association of North America (2018)
- [Power Lawyer](#), *The Hollywood Reporter* (2017)
- Trailblazer, South Asian Bar Association of Southern California (2017). Click [here](#) for a photo of Ms. Srinivasan accepting her award.
- [Best Lawyers Under 40](#), National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (2014)
- [Woman of Achievement](#), the Century City Chamber of Commerce (2019)

Clerkships

Honorable Raymond C. Fisher, United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

Education

Stanford Law School (J.D., with distinction, 2004)

- Winner Marion Rice Kirkwood Moot Court Competition
- Editor, Stanford Law Review

Yale University (B.A., Comparative Literature/Ethics, Politics & Economics, cum laude, 1997)

Admissions

Leadership & Professional Memberships

Bar Admissions

- California
- Board of Directors and Fellow, International Academy of Trial Lawyers, invitation only legal association that limits Fellowship to 500 active trial lawyers from the United States.
- Member, Senator Alex Padilla's Judicial Evaluation Commission for the Central District of California
- Advisory Forum, Stanford Law School's Rhode Center on the Legal Profession
- Former Commissioner, Judicial Nominees Evaluation Commission of the California State Bar, which vets the governor's potential judicial candidates
- Former Vice-President, Western Justice Center, an organization of judges, lawyers and civic leaders that promote conflict resolution skills among youth, educators, schools, and community partners
- Former Board Member, California ChangeLawyers, which aims to promote access to justice for underrepresented communities in California
- Executive Board Member, South Asian Bar Association of North America and of Southern California
- Fellow, American Bar Foundation