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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 40-plus year history and a member of its executive committee, leading the 150-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 major force,"** and **"a first-chair trial lawyer"** who is **"known in the community"** 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 has been repeatedly recognized as one of the leading 500 lawyers in America by Lawdragon and as 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 a superstar lawyer. She is very smart and effective.”

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 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.”

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“Kalpana is wonderful. She's a natural trial lawyer and advocate, she's exceptionally well regarded in the IP and antitrust space and is universally liked by members of the Bar.”

Client quote from Chambers USA

Notable Representations

Intellectual Property

- **Black Knight v. PennyMac (Fla. Arbitration).** Obtained an arbitration award, confirmed by a state court judgment, of nearly \$160 million on behalf of 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.
[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. Caltech previously successfully asserted the patents against Apple and the liability finding was affirmed on appeal.
- **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. Pascal Metrics, who developed algorithms or "triggers" to identify adverse health events for hospital patients, alleged that Health Catalyst stole these trade secrets to develop competing technology and inflate its valuation through its hiring of former Pascal executives.
- **Meta Platforms Inc. v. Octopus and Social Data Trading Ltd. (N.D. Cal.)** Representing Meta in its lawsuits against companies illicitly scraping data from its platforms for sale.
- **Paltalk v. Cisco (W.D. Tex.)** Representing video chat service Paltalk in its infringement case against Cisco's Webex offerings. The case is set for trial in 2024.
- **Title Source Inc v. HouseCanary (U.S. Dist. Ct. of Bexar County, TX, 73rd Judicial District)** Secured a landmark 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. At the conclusion of the seven-week trial, a 12-person jury found unanimously in favor of HouseCanary. Ms. Srinivasan later argued appeal of verdict to 4th District Court of Appeal in San Antonio. This case was covered by [Law360](#), the [Wall Street Journal](#), [Bloomberg](#) and [Texas Lawyer](#). [Read more.](#)
- **Atlas Global Technologies v. Samsung (E.D. Tex.; W.D. Tex.)** Prosecuted claims of patent infringement against Samsung on behalf of Atlas Global Technologies on standard essential patents used for new generation Wi-Fi devices. A confidential settlement for Atlas was secured in late 2021, shortly after the complaint was filed.
- **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, Samsung and major players in the smartphone and tablet industry. The claims arose 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)*** Serving as lead trial counsel for ICE in 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.
- ***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.
- ***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.
- ***In re Lithium Batteries (N.D. Cal.)*** Serving on the executive committee representing consumers impacted by price-fixing conduct in the market for lithium ion batteries.

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 partner KSFB.
- ***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.

- ***Intellectual Pixels Limited v. Sony Interactive Entertainment (C.D. Cal.)*** Serving as lead counsel to Intellectual Pixels Limited (IPL) in a patent infringement action against Sony Interactive Entertainment (SIE) related to IPL's video game streaming patents.
- ***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.
- ***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.](#)
- ***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.
- ***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](#).

Honors & Distinctions

- **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.

BENCHMARK LITIGATION (EUROMONEY)

- Top 100 Lawyers in America ([2020](#), [2021](#), [2022](#), [2023](#), [2024](#))
- Top 250 Women in Litigation ([2020](#), [2021](#), [2022](#), [2023](#))
- [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](#))

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](#))
- [Gender Diversity Lawyer of the Year](#) (2019)

DAILY JOURNAL

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

LAW360

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

LAWDRAGON

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

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)

- 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. (2016-2023)
- Southern California's Women Super Lawyers (2017, 2022)

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

Bar Admissions

- California

Wins

Susman Godfrey Wins \$706.2 Million Jury Verdict for Client HouseCanary Against Quicken Loans Affiliate Title Source Inc.

Susman Godfrey and Gradstein & Marzano Secure \$43.45 Million Settlement with Spotify in Copyright Class Action

Gradstein & Marzano and Susman Godfrey Secure Settlement Valued at Up to \$99 Million Settlement for The Turtles And Other Owners of Pre-1972 Sound Recordings in Class Action Against Sirius XM Radio

Susman Godfrey Wins Defense Verdict for The Rawlings Company in Employment Class Action

Court Rejects NHL's Claims Against Former Phoenix Coyotes Owner Jerry Moyes

Susman Godfrey Secures \$37.5 Million Verdict in Wi-Fi Patent Infringement Case

Leadership & Professional Memberships

- Fellow, [International Academy of Trial Lawyers](#), invitation only legal association that limits Fellowship to 500 active trial lawyers from the United States. Trial lawyers become Fellows only after an extremely rigorous vetting process, which includes both peer and judicial review.
- Member, Senator Alex Padilla's Judicial Evaluation Commission for the Central District of California
- 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
- Member, Litigation Counsel of America