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Susman Godfrey Managing Partner Kalpana Srinivasan Wins Attorney of the Year

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What You Need to Know

- Kalpana Srinivasan, managing partner of Susman Godfrey, won Attorney of the Year at the 2024 CA Legal Awards.
- Srinivasan was appointed managing partner of Susman in 2020.
- Under her leadership, firm revenue nearly doubled last year to \$744.2 million in 2023.

The Recorder announced the winners of the 2024 California Legal Awards on Tuesday night at a celebration where Kalpana Srinivasan was honored as Attorney of the Year.

Srinivasan, managing partner at Susman Godfrey's 150-strong litigation bench, accepted the honor during the awards ceremony held at the JW Marriott in Los Angeles. Dozens of lawyers were recognized for their outstanding work in a range of categories.

"In the day-to-day hustle and bustle of law, sometimes you lose focus of the privilege



Kalpana Srinivasan, with Susman Godfrey.

we have to do this job," Srinivasan said during her acceptance speech Tuesday night. "I'm very grateful to have the practice that I do, to have the opportunity to handle and try these really interesting and complex cases, to have clients that entrust me with these important matters."

Srinivasan added, “as much as I’m proud of my opportunity to do that, I’m even more proud to lead a team of lawyers that are out there in the trenches every day, trying cases and handling people’s most complex disputes. I am beyond words proud of the firm and especially of the Los Angeles office where I joined almost 20 years ago.”

“I was probably the fifth lawyer in the room and today the office and the firm is bustling with young lawyers who bring energy and vibrancy to the practice of law and really make what I do meaningful and fulfilling,” Srinivasan continued. “We have a group of them here tonight and I’m so thankful for you for keeping me energized in the work that I do every day.”

Under Srinivasan’s leadership, Susman Godfrey has been recognized as one of the

nation’s top litigation firms. She presided over Susman’s most profitable year ever in 2023. The firm tried at least 23 cases that year and more than doubled both its revenue and profit per equity partner.

In June, Srinivasan and her Susman colleagues obtained a \$4.7 billion jury verdict against the NFL on claims that its Sunday Ticket offering violated antitrust laws.

Srinivasan represented publicly traded financial services company Intercontinental Exchange (ICE) in a matter against the U.S. Federal Trade Commission last August, where the FTC was challenging ICE’s \$13.1 billion buyout of mortgage tech firm Black Knight.

Two attorneys who were finalists for the Attorney of the Year award were also honored on Tuesday: Paul Loh of Willenken and Michael Rubin of Latham & Watkins.