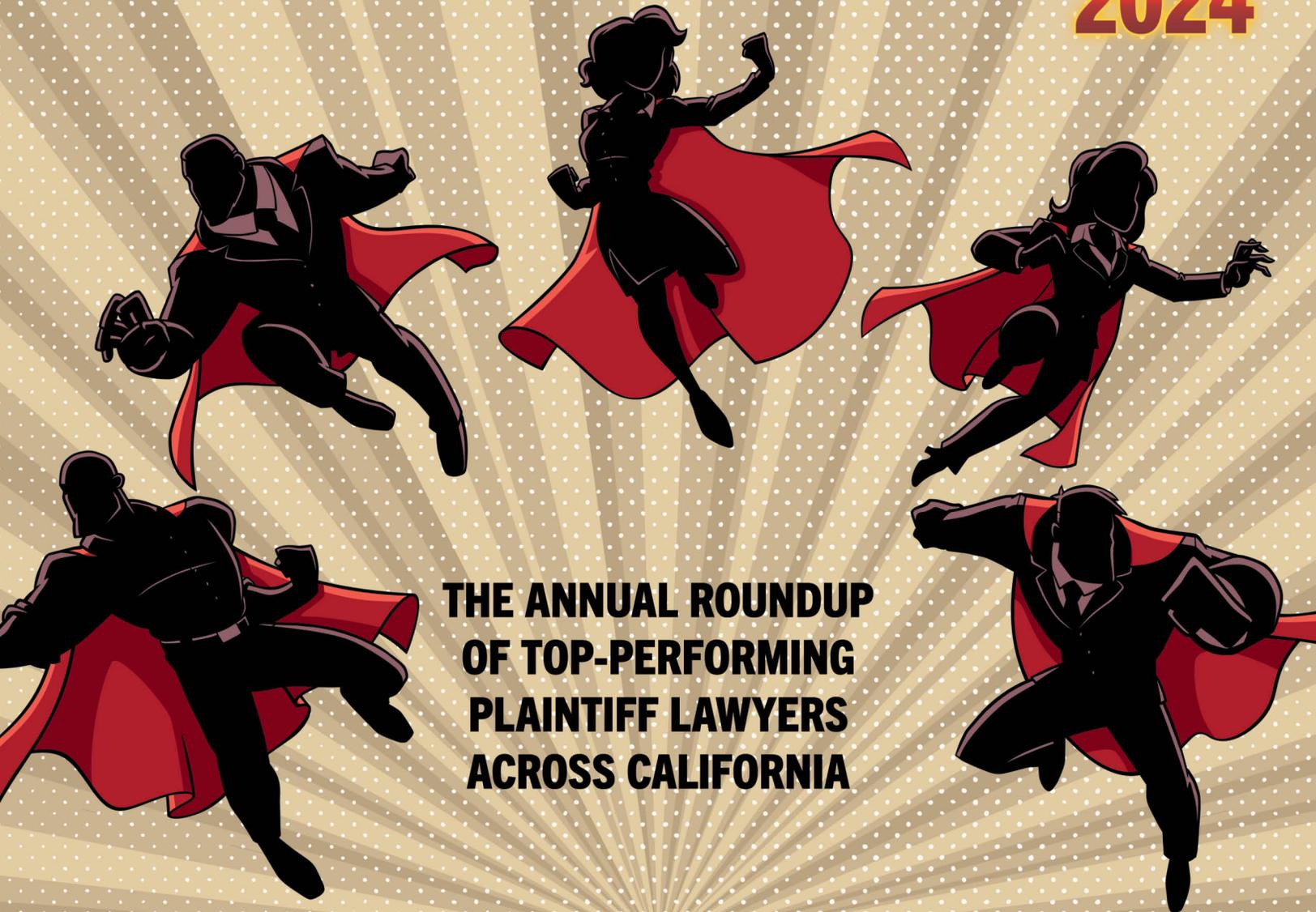


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From covering technology as an Associated Press reporter to winning multimillion-dollar verdicts in cutting-edge patent cases, Kalpana Srinivasan has built a career at the intersection of law, media and technology.

Now a co-managing partner at Susman Godfrey, she has emerged as one of the nation's premier trial lawyers handling complex intellectual property and business disputes.

The past year has been particularly notable for Srinivasan, with a string of major victories, including a \$65.7 million patent verdict against Cisco and a \$160 million arbitration award for Black Knight in a software trade secrets case. But perhaps most striking is her successful representation of Paltalk – a client she first represented more than 15 years ago in her early days as a trial lawyer. *Paltalk Holdings Inc. v. Webex Communications Inc. et al.*, 6:21-cv-00757, (W.D. Tex., filed July 23, 2021).

"It was a full circle moment," says Srinivasan of the recent Paltalk win against Cisco over Webex audio server technology.

After a four-day trial in September, Srinivasan and her team secured a \$65.7 million jury verdict for Paltalk Holdings. The jury found that Cisco Systems had infringed on Paltalk's patent through its Webex products. The patent at issue covered technology related to hybrid audio servers.

Srinivasan credits her former mentor, the late Steve Susman, for shaping her focused approach to litigation.

"He gave us the freedom to cut through typical litigation activities and focus laser-like on what truly matters for the ultimate result," she explained.

Her journalism background proves particularly valuable as data and content disputes proliferate across industries.

In the Black Knight case, she had to synthesize vast amounts of evidence about software access and present it compellingly during a two-month arbitration.

"Data and content have increasingly recognized value across all sectors of our economy – and the legal disputes around them are broadening," noted Srinivasan, who continues to handle headline-making cases.

Twenty years after transitioning from journalism to law, Srinivasan has established herself as a go-to litigator for bet-the-company cases, particularly those involving complex technology. Her recent string of victories suggests she's operating at the peak of her powers, with no signs of slowing down.