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## LEADING COMMERCIAL LITIGATORS 2025



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**K**alpana Srinivasan is a distinguished attorney known for handling headline-grabbing, bet-the-company cases. She is repeatedly called upon to resolve her plaintiff clients' most critical disputes both in and out of the courtroom. With 20 years of practice under her belt, Srinivasan has built a reputation as a brilliant litigator and collaborator, particularly in trial work.

"I would describe myself as a people person," Srinivasan said. "Understanding how real people view facts and issues has always been very motivating in my practice. I don't view the law as abstracted from how it impacts or is viewed by real people."

In 2023 and 2024, Srinivasan served as lead counsel and first chair to plaintiffs in multiple trials and arbitrations, spanning several months and locations from Jacksonville to Delaware to Waco, Texas, and her home state of California.

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. In September 2024, after a four-day trial, Srinivasan and her team secured a \$65.7 million jury verdict for Paltalk. 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. *Paltalk Holdings Inc. v. Webex Communications Inc. et al.*, 6:21-cv-00757, (W.D. Tex., filed July 23, 2021).

"Deconstructing complex technical issues for a jury in a few days of trial requires a lot of discipline and strategic decision making -- it is a good skill to hone and develop at all stages of litigation," Srinivasan said. "We had a lean team focused on all issues of the case."

In addition, after three weeks of trial representing plaintiffs in a massive antitrust action against the NFL in late 2024, Srinivasan obtained a jury finding that the NFL engaged in a conspiracy and violated antitrust laws through its Sunday Ticket offering. In re: National Football League's Sunday Ticket Antitrust Litigation, 2:15-ml-02668 (C.D. Cal., filed Dec. 10, 2015).

"The jury awarded \$4.7 billion damages, which the trial court vacated on a post-trial motion, while leaving untouched the jury's determination that the NFL violated two different provisions of the Sherman Act," she said. The case is currently on appeal to the Ninth Circuit.