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INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ATTORNEY OF THE YEAR WINNER:

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Rohit Nath of Susman Godfrey is a winner for The Recorder's Intellectual Property Attorney of the Year award. Read a Q&A with him below:

What's your proudest professional achievement of the past year and why?

I'm incredibly proud of the work we've done across our artificial intelligence docket in the last year. In *Bartz v. Anthropic*, we briefed and argued summary judgment and class certification in a matter of months. I argued summary judgment, and my partner, Justin Nelson, argued class certification the week before. The result was that we defeated summary judgment our piracy claims and obtained the first favorable class certification order across any of the AI copyright cases pending nationwide. This helped pave the way for the \$1.5 billion settlement, which is now before the court. If it's approved, it is believed

to be the largest reported copyright recovery in history.

What advice would you give to new attorneys specializing in intellectual property?

Take a step back to understand the human element of the work you're doing. It's easy to get lost in the technical details. But at the end of the day your case will be tried to a jury and your motions decided by a generalist judge. In every case, there's a writer, artist or inventor whose story you want to tell.

How is the practice of IP law changing?

While so many of my cases are about artificial intelligence, there's no question that AI is also changing how we practice law.