

Amy Mason Saharia

Partner

Amy Mason Saharia focuses her practice on appellate litigation. She represents corporate and individual clients in high-stakes appeals in the U.S. Supreme Court and federal and state appellate courts around the country. She has argued numerous appeals in federal courts of appeals and has filed dozens of briefs in the U.S. Supreme Court and appellate courts nationwide. Amy clerked for Justice Sonia Sotomayor on the U.S. Supreme Court from 2010 to 2011.

Amy also advises clients on complex legal issues that arise in trial courts and in connection with governmental investigations. She has tried cases in federal and state courts and in arbitration proceedings. Her clients have included pharmaceutical and medical device companies, global financial institutions, law firms, accounting firms, and other corporate and individual clients.

Amy focuses her pro bono practice on criminal and asylum law. Amy has represented criminal defendants, individual refugees, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, the Center for Gender and Refugee Studies, and other organizations in matters before the U.S. Supreme Court, federal courts of appeals, and the Board of Immigration Appeals.

Amy grew up in Maine and graduated with honors from The John Hopkins University in 1999. Between college and law school, she was a Foreign Service Officer at the U.S. Department of State. Amy graduated *summa cum laude* from Duke University School of Law in 2005, where she was executive editor of the *Duke Law Journal*. Before joining Williams & Connolly in 2007, Amy clerked for Judge Jon O. Newman on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit and Judge Robert N. Chatigny on the U.S. District Court for the District of Connecticut. Amy rejoined Williams & Connolly in 2012 following her clerkship on the U.S. Supreme Court.

Amy is a member of the Edward Coke Appellate Inn of Court. She is Vice-Chair of the firm's Diversity and Inclusion Committee.

Representative Experience

Though all cases vary and none is predictive, Amy's experience includes:

- Successfully argued an appeal in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, obtaining vacatur of an attorneys' fee award against



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Education

Duke University School of Law, J.D.,
summa cum laude, 2005: Order of
the Coif; Executive Editor, Duke
Law Journal
Johns Hopkins University, B.A., 1999:
Phi Beta Kappa

Practice Focus

Supreme Court and Appellate
Litigation
Criminal Defense and Government
Investigations
Commercial Litigation
Products Liability, Torts, and Medicine

Admissions

District of Columbia, Connecticut, and
New York
United States Supreme Court
United States Courts of Appeals for
the First, Second, Third, Fourth,
Fifth, Seventh, Eighth, Ninth, Tenth,
Eleventh, Federal, and District of
Columbia Circuits
United States District Court for the
District of Columbia

the firm's client under the Copyright Act.

- Successfully argued an appeal in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, obtaining affirmance of the district court's dismissal of a putative class action lawsuit alleging breach of contract and deceptive trade practices.
- Successfully argued an appeal in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit on behalf of a beer wholesaler, overturning the district court's ruling that the wholesaler's preemption claim was not ripe for adjudication.
- Successfully overturned on appeal a nearly \$400 million jury verdict against a global financial institution arising from a nationwide fraud perpetrated by the bank's predecessor's customer.
- Successfully represented Romag Fasteners in the U.S. Supreme Court in a case rejecting a willfulness requirement to obtain awards of infringers' profits in trademark-infringement cases under the Lanham Act.
- Successfully represented Digital Realty Trust in the U.S. Supreme Court in a case requiring whistleblowers to report to the Securities and Exchange Commission before bringing suit for retaliation under the Dodd-Frank Act.
- Successfully represented a pharmaceutical manufacturer in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit in a case providing broad personal jurisdiction over generic drug manufacturers in patent disputes.
- Successfully represented a tax-services provider in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, overturning the district court's finding that the tax-services provider had breached a contract with its former franchisee.
- Representing U.S. army veteran Nick Slatten pro bono against charge of first-degree murder.

Government Service

Foreign Service Officer, United States
Department of State, 1999-2002

Resources

Publications

- *Amy Saharia Featured in "How To Nail Your Remote Argument In The 7th Circ."*, April 2020
- *The Judicial Error Defense in Legal Malpractice Cases*, December 2016
- *The Degeneralization of the Generalized System of Preferences*

(GSP): Questioning the Legitimacy of the U.S. GSP, November 2004

Presentations

- *Amy Saharia Speaks on Thryv v. Click-to-Call Technologies in Panel on IP at the Supreme Court*, December 2019
- *Amy Saharia and Bryan Wilson Host ACC Indemnification Provisions Panel*, October 2018