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Education

University of Notre Dame Law School,
2008

International Moot Court

National Institute of Trial Advocacy

University of California, Los Angeles,
B.A. 2004

Practice Areas

Trials

Commercial Litigation

Intellectual Property

Securities

Legal Malpractice

Admissions

State Bar of California

State Bar of New York

State Bar of Texas

U.S. Court of Federal
Claims

U.S. Court of International
Trade

U.S. District Court for the
Central District of California

U.S. District Court for the
Northern District of Texas

U.S. Court of Appeals for
the Sixth and Eleventh
Circuits, and the Federal
Circuit

Experience

Anand Sambhwani is an experienced trial attorney who has been solely responsible for litigating major cases throughout the country. Before joining Keller/Anderle, he was with the Commercial Litigation Branch of the United States Department of Justice in Washington, D.C. While at “Main Justice” Anand handled complex commercial disputes, financial fraud, class actions, and employment litigation. He first-chaired trials involving more than \$100 million in dispute, and second-chaired trials with over \$300 million at stake. For his outstanding work, Mr. Sambhwani won the DOJ Civil Division’s Special Commendation Award (November 2017).

Anand was lead counsel for the United States in business cases nationwide filed in the Court of Federal Claims and Court of International Trade, and argued appeals before the Federal Circuit. He has regularly appeared in district courts throughout the U.S., giving him an unusual perspective on regional differences in the application of federal rules.

Before working at Main Justice, Mr. Sambhwani spent six years at a premier trial boutique in Dallas, Texas, where he handled litigation involving complex commercial disputes, insurance coverage, oil & gas, intellectual property, antitrust, business torts, white collar crime, the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act and product liability. These cases were both multi-state (California, New York, Colorado and Texas) and international (the United Kingdom and Curacao). In 2014, Super Lawyers named him a “Rising Star” in Texas. Anand was honored with a “2019 *California Lawyer* Attorneys of the Year” award for his role as second chair in *Yellowstone Women’s First Step House, Inc., et al. v. City of Costa Mesa*.

Anand routinely appears in federal and state courts on behalf of plaintiffs and defendants in all phases of complex and “bet-the-business” commercial litigation. Anand’s advocacy includes representing Fortune 500 companies, real estate developers, private investment funds and high-net worth individuals. His clients have included Perry Ellis International, AT&T Inc., Sandvik AB, 3M, FLIR Systems, and International Workplace Group (formerly Regus) in complex litigation with substantial legal exposure. He was one of the lead attorneys in lawsuits on behalf of The St. Joe Company – a Florida real estate developer and asset manager – against BP’s contractors for damages resulting from the Deepwater Horizon oil spill. His recent work for AT&T included favorably settling a class action lawsuit alleging tens of millions in damages.

A graduate of the University of California, Los Angeles, and the University of Notre Dame Law School, Mr. Sambhwani is a member of the State Bars of California, New York and Texas. He is fluent in Hindi.

Testimonials

“Anand’s intensity, strategic insight, and attention to detail are second to none. He is an extraordinary talent with a level of care to his craft that is not only rare—it is non-existent. Anand guided our company through an extremely complicated litigation with the highest of stakes from start to finish. We could not have been more fortunate to have Anand on our trial team. His tactics and strategic interactions were invaluable.”

- *Oscar Feldenkreis, CEO & President, Perry Ellis International*

Honors & Awards

- *Los Angeles Magazine*, Southern California Super Lawyers® Rising Star for Business Litigation (2020-2021)
- *California Lawyer Magazine* CLAY Award (*California Lawyer* Attorneys of the Year), Municipal Law (2019)
- *The Los Angeles and San Francisco Daily Journals*, “Top Defense Verdicts” (2018)
- Department of Justice Civil Division’s Special Commendation Award (November 2017)
- Super Lawyers Texas “Rising Star” (2014)

Representative Matters

- Achieved full defense verdict on all claims for the City of Costa Mesa in federal fair housing and disabilities law case brought by sober living businesses challenging the City’s right to set minimum health and safety standards for rehabilitation residences.
- Representing a co-founder of a company that sells designer women’s plus size clothing, in her lawsuit alleging tortious interference against the Silicon Valley investor that forced her out.
- Defended Fortune 100 wireless provider regarding violations of the TCPA and Nevada statutory and common law brought by an account holder who received 300+ text messages over a period of years, even though the customer sought to unsubscribe.
- Defending Fortune 100 wireless provider against a class action lawsuit alleging that the client violated California statutory and common law in connection with its hardware warranty program.
- Defending major semiconductor manufacturer in \$500 million lawsuit by housing developer alleging it violated lease terms for its factory due to excessive noise.
- Representing a renowned physician in a partnership dispute involving significant damages.

- Defended FLIR, a major infrared (IR) camera company in an action brought by a Fortune 100 defense/aerospace company in the E. Dist. of Texas for misappropriation of trade secrets and alleged infringement of patents related to microbolometer and semiconductor technology; following a 30-day trial the jury awarded a take nothing judgment in favor of defendant.
- Represented the United States in contract disputes involving \$100 million and more such as claims by San Onofre Nuclear Power Plant and in appeals before the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.
- Represented RSR – a secondary lead smelting company – in prosecuting claims for breach of a significant multi-year supply contract and defended client against counterclaim for alleged breach of a most favored nation clause.
- Defended a Fortune 100 company in a natural resources damages action (NRDA) brought by the Attorney General of Minnesota seeking to recover over \$5 billion for the alleged damage to groundwater, surface water and soil caused by the alleged environmental release of perfluorochemicals (PFCs).
- Represented resort owner in connection with its termination of long-term hotel management agreement with Edition, the lifestyle hotel brand in the Marriott International family, ousting Edition from the property, and installing new management company at resort. Represented owner as special litigation counsel in bankruptcy, including weeklong estimation hearing.
- Represented Destination Hotels & Resorts in connection with termination of operating agreements and claims against ownership. Engagement included trial and successful appeal of various issues.
- Represented Benchmark Management Company in defending against claims for tortious interference with contract and misappropriation of trade secrets.
- Represented resort owner in international litigation and in an international arbitration in connection with its termination of long-term hotel management agreement with Hyatt, ousting Hyatt from the property, and installing new management company at hotel.
- Represented private equity fund managers and private equity funds in defending against RICO and fraud claims asserted by minority owner of portfolio company. Obtained judgment dismissing all claims against clients and secured an award against plaintiffs of over \$1 million in attorneys' fees and litigation costs. Obtained affirmance of the dismissal on appeal to the Sixth Circuit.
- Represented minority owner in television network in prosecuting claims for breach of fiduciary duty against board of directors and officers arising out of a reverse “squeeze-out” merger.

Media

- March 27, 2019 – “Daily Journal” CLAY Award profile – “Writing the legal blueprint for cities as it relates to sober-living homes”

Languages

- Hindi