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V. Sathienmars is an accomplished litigator defending clients across a range of complex mass tort, product liability, and civil litigation matters in state and federal courts across the United States.

Vasudhsiri defends high-profile and high-net-worth clients in “bet the company” lawsuits. He routinely handles civil litigation matters from pre-suit through trial, having served on winning teams in both jury and bench trials. V.’s experience includes coordinating with defense liaison counsel on case management strategy, court filings, and discovery efforts in federal multidistrict litigation, as well as Judicial Council Coordinated Proceedings in California state courts. Clients often call on V. to serve as monitoring counsel to ensure that litigation goals are met and expectations are exceeded. V. also has appellate experience, having represented clients in appeals in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals and California appellate courts.

As a trial lawyer, V. defends clients in personal injury and wrongful death cases, as well as breach of contract cases, with a concentration in commercial agreements and consumer protection laws. V. also has experience defending clients in other civil litigation and transactions across diverse practice areas, including public agency, environmental, entertainment/sports, construction, transportation, and employment law, as well as regulated industries with licensing requirements. V. has achieved favorable results in defending attorneys, realtors, engineers, and insurance agents in professional liability lawsuits. V. is known for his spot-on claim evaluations and risk assessments and his aggressive, yet thoughtful, defense strategies. He provides strategic direction and optimizes resources through close coordination and collaboration of the client team, which often includes client leadership, risk management, in-house counsel, insurance companies, and coverage counsel.

During law school, V. completed clerkships with California Supreme Court Chief Justice Ronald George and San Francisco Superior Court Judge Richard Kramer. He also served as an American Bar Association Environmental Law Fellow with the California Environmental Protection Agency’s Office of the Secretary.

Before becoming an attorney, V. served California State Assembly Speaker Karen Bass as a Jesse Marvin Unruh Assembly Fellow, during which time he prepared and carried nine bills through the state legislative process, with seven bills signed into law. Prior to working in Sacramento with then-Speaker Bass, V. served as a Legislative and Governmental Relations Intern in City Hall with former Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa.

A California native, V. grew up in Los Angeles and currently resides in San Francisco. He has completed three marathons and many more half marathons as an endurance runner. He also enjoys spending time with his family, traveling, cooking, and cycling.

Education

- University of California, Hastings College of the Law (J.D., 2011); Property Law Note Author and Senior Editor, Hastings Constitutional Law Quarterly; Award for Appellate Brief in Constitutional Law, Snodgrass Moot Court Competition
- University of California, Irvine (B.A. with honors, 2006); UC Irvine Alice B. Macy Award for Outstanding Undergraduate Research Paper; First Amendment and Tax Law Note Author, School of Social Sciences Law Journal

State Admissions

- California, 2012

Federal Admissions

- United States Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit
- United States District Court, Central District of California
- United States District Court, Eastern District of California
- United States District Court, Northern District of California
- United States District Court, Southern District of California

Service Areas

- Mass Tort & Product Liability
- Business Litigation

Experience

- Obtained dismissal of Plaintiffs' complaint without leave to amend in a federal court case defending a regional public transportation agency sued for civil rights violations resulting in catastrophic personal injury and deprivation of a parent-child relationship
- Obtained summary judgment in Santa Clara Superior Court in favor of a Yosemite-based hotel chain sued for negligent employee supervision resulting in a wrongful death and a catastrophic personal injury
- Assisted in the favorable resolution of a personal injury lawsuit filed in Los Angeles Superior Court against a high-profile celebrity musician and her personal real estate investment company, during which major discovery disputes were the subject of extensive adverse national news reporting
- Obtained a favorable defense decision in Alameda Superior Court for a Northern California law firm and its attorneys, which were sued for legal malpractice, following a one-month bench trial during which V. examined witnesses, made evidentiary objections, and argued trial motions as second chair
- Supervised the successful appeal of an interlocutory order granting a \$1.1-million attorneys' fee award against a property ownership and management company in a habitability and civil rights lawsuit filed in San Francisco Superior Court, which in turn forced a favorable settlement in the middle of a month-long jury trial (*Chen, et al. v. Valstock Ventures, LLC, et al.*, (2022) 81 Cal. App.5th 957); while handling the trial court matter, successfully opposed two petitions for writ of mandate on unrelated discovery and trial disputes
- Obtained summary judgment in Santa Clara Superior Court in favor of a San Jose-based trucking company sued for negligence resulting in a wrongful death
- Assisted in the favorable resolution of a copyright lawsuit involving the photographic depiction of two prominent deceased rap and hip hop stars on the client's t-shirts, hats, and other garments, which were being sold at clothing retailers nationwide
- In a special engagement, assisted a prominent San Francisco-based regional public transportation agency with the top-to-bottom revision of its Master Ordinance governing bridge, ferry, and bus operations and with its implementation of major infrastructure projects, including a transition to all-electronic bridge tolling and the construction of a movable median collision barrier for bridge traffic
- Prepared two separate summary judgment motions in Inyo County Superior Court for a New Hampshire-based fleet management company and a Florida-based car rental company sued in a catastrophic injury case; prevailed upon the court in oral argument, winning summary judgment for the car rental company based on the Graves Amendment (49 USC §30106(a)) and obtaining Plaintiff's dismissal of the fleet management company

Publications & Events

MEDIA

- "Tucker Ellis Adds Jones Day, Kronenberg Attys," *Law360 Pulse* (August 2022)

In the Community

- Leadership Council on Legal Diversity
 - » Pathfinders Program (2024)