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### Biography

Sachin represents plaintiffs and defendants in complex, high-stakes trial and appellate litigation. He has recovered more than \$350 million for plaintiffs and achieved complete victories for defendants at trial and on motions practice. Sachin's clients include victims of criminal conduct, whistleblowers, parties in business disputes, governmental entities, and those involved in election-related matters. He also has extensive experience with state and federal RICO claims.

Additionally, he serves as General Counsel for the Democratic Party of Georgia, where he is responsible for all legal matters, including election law, compliance, labor and employment, and contracts.

Before joining the firm, Sachin served as a law clerk to the Honorable Richard W. Story in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia.

### Representative Matters

- Representing corporate defendants in a Georgia RICO action seeking hundreds of millions of dollars in damages.
- Defending bespoke luxury automaker against bet-the-company trademark, trade dress, and other IP claims.

- Pursuing claims on behalf of owner of utility-scale solar power projects against projects' general contractor.
- Achieved multiple confidential settlements for sex trafficking victims against hotels that facilitated their trafficking.
- Secured the dismissal of federal RICO claims and affirmed the dismissal on appeal for a major airline.
- Obtained a jury verdict for defendants on all claims, including state RICO, in an action seeking over \$15 million in damages.
- Defended the City of Atlanta's COVID-19 mask order against a lawsuit brought by Governor Kemp.
- Represented Athens-Clarke County in defending against challenges to its COVID-related ordinances.
- Represented two whistleblowers in a False Claims Act case against a pharmaceutical company, leading to a \$116 million global civil/criminal settlement.
- Obtained a confidential settlement for a woman sexually harassed by prominent on-air media personalities before filing suit.
- Served as plaintiffs' counsel in a professional malpractice, fraud, and RICO case against a Big Four accounting firm, resulting in a confidential settlement.
- Served as plaintiffs' counsel in a class action breach of contract/RICO case against a Fortune 100 shipping company, resulting in a \$21.5 million settlement for overcharging customers.
- Represented amici, including former prosecutors, in challenging the conviction of Johnny Lee Gates, which resulted from prosecutorial misconduct. Mr. Gates was ultimately released 43 years after being sentenced to death.
- Achieved a successful outcome for an inmate abused by a prison official.
- Assisted tenants facing eviction through the Atlanta Volunteer Lawyers Foundation's Eviction Defense Program.
- Led the representation of the Legislative Black Caucus of Georgia, Georgia Association of Latino Elected Officials, and the League of United Latin American Citizens in challenging Georgia's 2011 redistricting plans.
- Challenged Georgia's lethal injection secrecy act on behalf of a death row inmate, including oral argument before the Georgia Supreme Court.
- Secured a favorable result for an elected official asserting a defamation claim related to false political advertising.

## Professional Activities

- University of Georgia Law School Association Council, Member
- Clarke-Carley Inn of Court, Master
- Cooper Inn of Court, Master

## **Honors & Awards**

- Georgia Super Lawyer, 2020 – 2025
- Leadership Council on Legal Diversity, Fellow, 2023
- “On The Rise,” Daily Report, 2021
- Atlanta Business Chronicle 40 Under 40, 2020
- Georgia Rising Star, 2016 – 2019
- LEAD Atlanta, 2014

## **Credentials**

### **Education**

- University of Georgia, J.D., Cum Laude, 2009
  - Articles Editor, Georgia Law Review
  - Winner, Talmadge Moot Court Competition
  - Winner and Best Oralist, Russell Moot Court Competition
  - Winner, Beaird Closing Argument Competition
  - Order of the Barristers
- University of Georgia, M.P.A., 2005
- University of Georgia, B.A., Magna Cum Laude, 2005
  - Foundation Fellow
  - Phi Beta Kappa
  - President, Student Government Association

### **Previous Experience**

- Law Clerk, Judge Richard W. Story, U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia, 2009-2011

### **Admissions**

- State Bar of Georgia
- Supreme Court of Georgia
- Georgia Court of Appeals
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia
- U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Georgia
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Georgia
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Tennessee

- Supreme Court of the United States