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## education

Chapman University School of Law (J.D., 2011, *cum laude*)

- *Certificate in Advocacy and Dispute Resolution, Chapman Law Review, Mock Trial Honor Board*

Wilfrid Laurier University (M.A., Political Science, 2007)

University of Guelph (B.S., Biological Sciences, 2006, with Honors)

## admissions

California

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

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

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

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

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

**I like being a lawyer because, at bottom, I like interacting with people and solving their problems. My current practice offers me sophisticated clients with oftentimes sophisticated problems. I enjoy providing them advice and counsel on how to resolve those problems and prevent them from arising in the future.**

Dhruv Sharma is a Member in the Commercial Litigation practice group. Based in the firm's Irvine office, Dhruv primarily represents banking and other financial institutions in consumer financial services litigation. He also defends creditors' rights in bankruptcy proceedings, represents businesses in contractual disputes and general commercial litigation, and provides advice and representation on immigration matters.

Although his day-to-day responsibilities include the fundamentals of all litigation – negotiation, discovery, oral argument, motion practice, client communication, and trial preparation – Dhruv focuses on the big-picture impact of litigation on his clients. This means, above all, taking the time to understand their business priorities and focusing on the development of a litigation strategy that best

## honors

- *Southern California Super Lawyers* “Rising Star”, 2019–2021
- Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch (Commercial Litigation, Immigration Law, and Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions – Defendants), 2021

## affiliations

### Professional

- National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (NAPABA), Financial Services Network Co-Chair (2021)
- Orange County Bar Association, Banking & Lending Section, Chair (2021); Secretary/Treasurer (2019)
- South Asian Bar Association of Southern California, Board Member (2019-2021); Orange County Events Director (2019)
- Leadership Council on Legal Diversity (LCLD), Fellow, 2020

### Community

- Kids in Need of Defense: Pro bono representation of an unaccompanied minor in deportation and asylum proceedings
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Orange County
- Superior Court Mediation Program: Certified Senior Mediator
- Chapman University’s Fowler School of Law, Adjunct Professor, Civil Procedure

## certifications

- Certified Information Privacy Professional/United States (CIPP/US)

accounts for those priorities. Litigation, as Dhruv sees it, presents means to achieve or address larger business goals, and is not necessarily an end in itself.

A self-described “problem preventer”, Dhruv is a strong writer, negotiator, and litigator who translates the issues that arise in a lawsuit into operational recommendations to his clients whenever he can. In addition to being an advocate, he strives to add value to his client by helping them map out policy changes that will prevent similar situations in the future. If he sees something operationally missing or out of compliance, he’ll make recommendations or suggestions to address them.

As a professional, Dhruv absolutely prioritizes the needs of his clients, be it in developing and pursuing a complex litigation strategy, or simply being available for a phone call. To the greatest extent possible, he is a true trusted advisor who combines accessibility with a dedication to his clients’ goals above all else. He also brings a uniquely multicultural perspective to his work. Having lived abroad in India and Canada, cumulatively for about half his life, he offers a unique, cross-cultural approach that is particularly valuable for his international clients.

## presentations

"The Supremes: A Discussion of the Most Important Banking and Lending Cases from the Last Term of the United States Supreme Court and the California Supreme Court," Orange County Bar Association Banking and Lending Section Webinar, August 17, 2021

"The CARES Act - Here Comes Year Two: The pandemic regulations are ending soon. So what do we do now?" McGlinchey Webinar, July 1, 2021

"What Is, What Might Be, What is Not," Orange County Bar Association’s Banking and Lending Section, August 18, 2020

"What Is, What Might Be, What is Not," Orange County Bar Association’s Banking and Lending Section, August 20, 2019

"What Is, What Might Be, What is Not," Orange County Bar Association’s Banking and Lending Section, August 21, 2018

"Developing Jurisprudence on Statutes of Limitation in New York, California, and Florida, and Impact on Mortgage Litigation, 16th Annual Consumer Finance Legal Conference, New Orleans, LA, October 13, 2017

"What Is, What Might Be, What is Not," Orange County Bar Association's Banking and Lending Section, September 17, 2017

**published articles**

"What Alabama Banks Should Know About The California Consumer Privacy Act," *Alabama Bankers Association Board Briefs*, May 2020