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Education

J.D., Harvard Law School, 2003
(*Harvard Law Review*)

A.B., Harvard University, Harvard
College, 1999 (*magna cum laude*)

Bar Admissions

Massachusetts
New York

Experience

Law Clerk, Hon. William G. Young,
U.S. District Court for the District of
Massachusetts (2004)

Alisha Q. Nanda's practice involves a wide range of complex civil litigation matters, including securities class action defense, financial services, mutual funds and insurance. She has litigated in state and federal courts around the U.S. and represented corporations and individuals in matters before the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Massachusetts Securities Division.

Ms. Nanda's experience includes representing:

- an association of major airline carriers in prevailing on preemption claims after a two-week federal court trial, which resulted in Massachusetts being enjoined from enforcing certain laws and regulations against the airline industry
- a pharmaceutical company in securing the dismissal of a putative securities class action following the FDA's disclosure of safety events concerning an approved drug, which was subsequently affirmed by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit
- a robotics company in securing the dismissal of a putative securities class action concerning the impact of tariffs and competition
- underwriting syndicates in putative securities class actions concerning disclosures in connection with IPOs and secondary offerings of companies in the pharmaceutical and technology sectors
- a health care technology company and certain of its officers and directors in a securities class action concerning disclosures in connection with its IPO; a related derivative suit was dismissed
- a pharmaceutical company in securing the dismissal of a putative securities class action concerning cash projections and the board's evaluation of strategic alternatives
- companies in various regulatory investigations concerning, for example, purported trading improprieties, financial metrics, accounting issues, suspicious activity reporting under the Bank Secrecy Act and other compliance matters
- a mutual life insurance company in a class action challenging the company's calculation of the amount of surplus it may retain under state law
- an investment bank in a class action involving antitrust claims concerning leveraged buyout transactions, which resulted in the dismissal of all claims on summary judgment
- an insurance company in a purported class action challenging a proxy regarding bylaw amendments, which resulted in the dismissal of all claims and subsequently was affirmed by the Appeals Court of Massachusetts
- an insurance company in dismissing a purported class action alleging that the company breached its contractual duties to variable annuity and variable life insurance policyholders by implementing a volatility management strategy in certain portfolios
- an investment adviser in a lawsuit involving allegations of improper "market timing" trading in mutual funds, which resulted in the dismissal of all claims on summary judgment and subsequently was affirmed by a Texas state court of appeals
- an insurance company in an appeal before the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals involving a reinsurance policy and the legal doctrine of "follow-the-fortunes," which resulted in a complete victory for the client

In recognition of her work, Ms. Nanda has been named one of Lawdragon's 500 Leading Litigators in America and one of *Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly's* Top Women in Law. She previously served on the Massachusetts Judicial Nominating Commission, where she advised the governor on candidates for judicial office.