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Education

J.D., Harvard Law School, 2001
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A.B., Princeton University, 1997
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Bar Admissions

District of Columbia

California

New York

U.S. Supreme Court

U.S. Courts of Appeals for the First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, Eighth, Ninth, Tenth and Eleventh Circuits

U.S. District Courts for the Central, Eastern, Northern and Southern Districts of California; the District of Columbia; the Central, Northern and Southern Districts of Illinois; the District of Maryland; the Eastern District of Michigan; the District of Nebraska; the Eastern and Southern Districts of New York; the Middle District of Tennessee; and the Eastern District of Wisconsin

Experience

Law Clerk, Hon. Leonard I. Garth, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit (2002-03)

Archis A. Parasharami has more than two decades of experience representing businesses in class actions, complex litigation, mass arbitrations and appellate matters across a range of industries, including technology, telecommunications, retail and financial services. A trusted litigator and strategic counselor, Mr. Parasharami is known for developing creative approaches that efficiently address business goals while mitigating litigation risk. Mr. Parasharami has significant experience handling all aspects of class actions and complex litigation, with a particular focus on developing and executing strategies to secure dismissals of class actions and denials of class certification, in addition to helping businesses achieve settlements on highly favorable terms.

Mr. Parasharami also is recognized nationally for his deep experience in drafting arbitration agreements, especially in the consumer and employment contexts, and defending the enforceability of those agreements. Most notably, Mr. Parasharami was part of the team that represented AT&T Mobility in *AT&T Mobility LLC v. Concepcion*, in which the Supreme Court held that the Federal Arbitration Act preempts state law rules that would decline to enforce arbitration agreements solely because they waive class actions. Mr. Parasharami represented the company through all stages of the case while at his former firm, from federal district court to the Supreme Court, where he helped draft the winning briefs. While at his prior firm, he also represented the successful petitioners in several Supreme Court cases that focused on the enforceability of arbitration agreements, including:

- *Lamps Plus, Inc. v. Varela*, holding that the Federal Arbitration Act prevents states from requiring class-wide arbitration when an arbitration clause does not expressly provide for that form of arbitration
- *Kindred Nursing Centers L.P. v. Clark*, in which the Court ruled that the Federal Arbitration Act preempts a state rule requiring a power of attorney to expressly refer to arbitration agreements before an attorney-in-fact can bind her principal to an arbitration agreement
- *Marmet Health Care Center, Inc. v. Brown*, summarily reversing the West Virginia Supreme Court's categorical refusal to enforce all pre-dispute arbitration agreements that apply to personal injury or wrongful death claims against nursing homes as preempted by federal law

In addition, Mr. Parasharami's extensive appellate experience includes handling cases involving both class action and arbitration issues in the Supreme Court and in federal and state appellate courts. He successfully represented the petitioner in the landmark *Spokeo, Inc. v. Robins* case, in which the Supreme Court held that a lawsuit claiming a bare statutory violation does not satisfy Article III's injury-in-fact requirement for standing to sue in federal court without allegations of concrete harm.

Mr. Parasharami also represents companies facing threatened and filed mass arbitrations, executing both novel arbitration agreement drafting strategies and procedural and merits-based defenses to help minimize mass arbitration risks. He regularly advises clients on proactive risk mitigation measures, including with respect to arbitration program design, consumer communications and privacy compliance.

In recognition of his work, Mr. Parasharami has been named one of *Lawdragon's* 500 Leading Litigators in America.

Selected Publications

“The Class Action Chronicle,” *Skadden Publication*, Recurring publication

“Skadden Argues Against VPPA Misuse in US Supreme Court Amicus Brief,” *Skadden Publication*, July 1, 2026

“A Step in the Right Direction for MDLs: New Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 16.1,” *U.S. Chamber of Commerce Institute for Legal Reform*, June 30, 2025

“Pixel Tools Spur a New Wave of Class Action Litigation Under the Video Privacy Protection Act,” *Business Law Today*, April 22, 2025

“Arbitration Association’s New Rules And Fees Address Some, But Not All, Abuses Of Mass Arbitration,” *Washington Legal Foundation*, February 9, 2024

“Mass Arbitration Abuse Boosts Attorneys’ Fees, Not Fair Results,” *Bloomberg Law*, February 8, 2024

“ILR Briefly: Personal Jurisdiction After Mallory,” *U.S. Chamber of Commerce Institute for Legal Reform*, November 16, 2023

“Mass Arbitration Shakedown: Coercing Unjustified Settlements,” *U.S. Chamber of Commerce Institute for Legal Reform*, February 28, 2023

“TransUnion and Concrete Harm: One Year Later,” *U.S. Chamber of Commerce Institute for Legal Reform*, June 30, 2022

“Federal Appellate Practice,” Third Edition, *Bloomberg Law*, 2018

“Symposium: Good News for Employers and Workers, Bad News for Lawyers,” *SCOTUSblog*, May 22, 2018

“Getting to ‘Yes’: Ninth Circuit Provides Guidance on Formation of ‘Browsewrap’ Arbitration Agreements,” *Class Defense Blog*, August 25, 2014

“New Study Finds That Class Members Rarely Benefit From Class Actions,” *Class Defense Blog*, December 11, 2013

“Litigation: Spotting Potential Constitutional Challenges To Class Actions,” *InsideCounsel*, January 31, 2013

“Litigation: Challenging Class Actions That Involve Potentially Massive Aggregate Statutory Damages,” *InsideCounsel*, January 17, 2013

“Litigation: Challenging Class Certification For Lack of Article III Standing,” *InsideCounsel*, January 3, 2013

“Litigation: Challenging Class Certifications That Alter the Parties’ Substantive Rights as Violations of Due Process,” *InsideCounsel*, December 20, 2012

“Litigation: Invoke Due Process and Federalism Principles to Attack Class Certification,” *InsideCounsel*, December 6, 2012

“Litigation: Attacking Class Certification on Constitutional Grounds,” *InsideCounsel*, November 22, 2012

“Supreme Court Addresses Volt’s Choice-of-Law Trap: Is the End of the Problem in Sight,” *Dispute Resolution Journal*, May-July 2009

“Finality Over Choice: Hall Street Associates, LLC v. Mattel, Inc. (US Supreme Court),” *Journal of International Arbitration*, January 2008

Speaking Engagements

“Early Challenges to Class Certification: Strategies and Tactical Considerations at Pleading Stage,” BARBRI webinar, June 25, 2026

“Class Action at the Supreme Court: Practical Application on Standing, Predominance and Arbitration,” Angeion Group Mega Summit, June 5, 2026

“Catching and Deterring Fraud in Class Action Settlements,” Epiq’s Mass and Class 2026 Conference, April 30, 2026

“Standing Tall: Wrangling Article III Issues in Class Actions,” 2025 American Bar Association Litigation Section Class Actions National Institute, October 23, 2025

“Contemporary Issues in Complex Litigation,” Northwestern Pritzker School of Law, March 8, 2023

“Business Litigation: *Transunion v. Ramirez* and Absent Class Member Standing,” 2022 DRI Business Litigation and Intellectual Property Litigation Super Conference, March 22, 2022

Podcast: “*Transunion* and Concrete Harm One Year Later,” U.S. Chamber of Commerce Institute for Legal Reform, September 6, 2022

“Winner’s Playbook: Behind The Scenes Of Lamps Plus,” *Law360*, May 10, 2021