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Consumer Class Action Litigation and Mass Arbitration; Complex Litigation and Trials

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Education

J.D., Harvard Law School, 2011

B.S., Columbia University, 2007

Bar Admissions

New York

Shaud G. Tavakoli represents a broad range of U.S. and international clients in high-stakes consumer class actions and securities, commercial and complex corporate disputes in federal and state courts throughout the country. He also has significant experience defending mass arbitrations.

Mr. Tavakoli is a leader in defending companies across industries in class actions and advising on related risk mitigation measures. He also has significant experience defending mass arbitrations before a variety of arbitral bodies. In addition, Mr. Tavakoli has defended corporations, financial institutions and individuals against federal securities class actions brought under the Securities Act of 1933 and Securities Exchange Act of 1934; litigated attempts to enjoin multibillion-dollar transactions; investigated and defended against shareholder derivative claims; and prosecuted and defended against fraud and contract claims involving hundreds of millions in claimed damages.

Representative matters include:

- successfully defending retailers, sports leagues and other consumer-facing companies in putative class actions challenging pricing, advertising, privacy and other business practices
- addressing tariff-refund litigation presently pending in jurisdictions across the country
- advising businesses on disclosures and other risk-mitigation measures to deter litigation and mass arbitrations
- obtaining dismissal of virtually all claims and securing successful resolution of remaining claims asserted against Anadarko Petroleum Corporation and several executives in a securities class action arising from the Deepwater Horizon oil spill
- defending multi-front litigation, including defeating three preliminary injunction motions in three different courts, on behalf of Neuberger Berman Group LLC in connection with a special purpose acquisition company (SPAC) business combination valued at $12.5 billion
- representing LVMH Moët Hennessy Louis Vuitton in litigation widely publicized in the U.S. and internationally arising from the luxury conglomerate's $15.8 billion acquisition of Tiffany & Co.
- obtaining dismissal of fraud and rescission claims against Bank of America, RBS and UBS arising from the underwriting and securitization of residential mortgage-backed securities (RMBS) in the wake of the financial crisis
- conducting an internal investigation on behalf of the board of directors of a publicly traded late-stage clinical biopharmaceutical company in response to a shareholder derivative demand, leading to a successful resolution of the demand
- negotiating a favorable settlement of pre-litigation claims on behalf of a large pharmaceutical company
- defending a Big Four accounting firm against claims for indemnification and breach of fiduciary duty in a one-week arbitration proceeding

Selected Publications

"SEC Reverses Course on Arbitration Clauses, Potentially Opening the Door to Their More Widespread Adoption," *Skadden Publication*, September 26, 2025

"Skadden Discusses Second Circuit Decision on Payment of Arbitration Fees," *The CLS Blue Sky Blog*, September 11, 2025