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Clients trust Sharif to fight for them and resolve their most complex disputes on their terms.

Sharif is a trial lawyer trusted by clients to handle their most high-stakes intellectual property challenges. Having tried cases in federal courts nationwide, Sharif has secured eight-figure verdicts protecting and enforcing his clients' most valuable assets and has defended their businesses across a host of industries, from software, pharmaceuticals, and power generation to fashion, hospitality, and consumer products.

His national litigation practice reaches all areas of intellectual property, including design and utility patents, trademarks and trade dress, copyrights, trade secrets, and unfair competition claims, and as a registered patent attorney, Sharif contributes to proceedings before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Known for developing a deep understanding of his clients' businesses and executing winning strategies that serve their most critical objectives, Sharif fights as though his own business is at stake.

Select Experience

- Represented a consumer products company in a high-profile three-week patent and trademark infringement jury trial in the District of Arizona, prevailing at trial with an eight-figure verdict that included jury findings of willful infringement and alter ego liability.*
- Represented a consumer products company in a week-long tariff classification trial at the U.S. Court of International Trade, cross-examining expert witnesses and securing evidentiary rulings that set a roadmap for litigating against government agencies invoking the deliberative process privilege.*
- Represented a generic pharmaceutical company in a patent infringement trial in the District of New Jersey, defending the company's attempt to market a generic version of a targeted therapy kinase inhibitor used to treat thyroid cancer, renal cell carcinoma, and hepatocellular carcinoma.*
- Represented a Fortune Global 500 and the world's largest multinational energy technology and oilfield services company in a trade secret litigation in the Southern District of Texas, involving claims that former employees misappropriated proprietary well-modeling software.*

Education

- Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law, Arizona State University (J.D., 2021)
  - Deans Award for Outstanding Performance
  - Pedrick Scholar
  - Lisa Foundation Patent Law Scholar
  - Intellectual Property Law Certificate
  - Highest Pro Bono Distinction
  - Note & Comment Editor, *Jurimetrics, The Journal of Law, Science, and Technology*
  - IP Law Students Association
- University of California, Santa Barbara (B.S., Pharmacology, 2016)
  - Research Assistant, Craig Montell Lab, Neuroscience Research Institute
  - UCSB Annual Fund

Bar Admissions

- Arizona

*Experience occurred prior to joining Dorsey.

- United States Patent and Trademark Office

Languages

- Arabic

Professional Affiliations

- Federal Circuit Bar Association
- Federal Bar Association, Phoenix Chapter
- State Bar of Arizona, Intellectual Property Law Section

Court Admissions

- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the District of Arizona
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin
- U.S. Court of International Trade

Legal Writings

- *Bayh-Dole and March-In Mischief: Why Congressional Action is Needed to Protect and Promote Pharmaceutical Innovation*, IPLS Proceedings, Vol. 32, Issue 1, Intellectual Property Law Section, State Bar of Michigan, Feb. 1, 2021