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Safraz Ishmael is a litigator specializing in technology-related disputes, with a particular emphasis on complex patent, trade secret, and trademark litigation. He holds a graduate degree in physics, and undergraduate degrees in physics and computer science.

Safraz has represented some of the world's largest technology companies in patent and trade secret litigations involving an extensive range of technologies, including such technologies as internet services and systems, computer software, network protocols, network switches, smart phones, embedded systems, authentication systems, GPS navigation systems, cellular telecommunications protocols, voice recognition systems, digital television systems, digital data compression, semiconductor manufacturing systems, lasers, fiber optic systems, medical diagnostic devices, surgical devices, engine systems, and general mechanical systems.

Safraz represents his clients in all phases of the trial and appeal process in federal courts throughout the country, as well as in the United States International Trade Commission and in *inter partes* review proceedings at the United States Patent and Trademark Office. In recognition of his legal practice, Safraz was selected for inclusion in the *Best Lawyers in America 2019* guide, and he was featured by the national legal publication *Law360* as a "Minority Powerbroker." Safraz was also named a Massachusetts "Rising Star" by *Super Lawyers Magazine*. He has been quoted and/or appeared in such publications as the *Boston Globe*, *Boston Business Journal*, *Law360*, *National Law Journal*, *IP Frontline*, and *Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly*.

Safraz devotes a significant amount of his time to representing low-income clients in need of legal representation on a *pro bono* basis. He has worked on several major *pro bono* litigations, alongside lawyers at the Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts, the Greater Boston Legal Services, and on civil rights matters for the American Civil Liberties Union.

Active in Boston's legal community, Safraz serves on the Board of Directors of the Boston Intellectual Property American Inn of Court, and previously served on the Board of Directors of the South Asian Bar Association of Greater Boston. Safraz is also active in Boston's entrepreneurship and service community, serving on the Board of Directors of Seeding Labs, a nonprofit corporation that sends surplus lab equipment to scientists in developing countries.

- Patent Litigation
- Intellectual Property and Technology
- Commercial Contracts
- Patent Prosecution and Strategic Patent Counseling
- Trademark and Copyright
- IT and Telecoms Disputes
- Litigation, Arbitration and Investigations

- Media, Sport and Entertainment
- Consumer Goods, Food and Retail
- Life Sciences
- Technology

CREDENTIALS

Admissions

- Massachusetts

Education

- J.D., Georgetown University Law Center
- M.S., Physics, University of Maryland
- B.S., Computer Science, University of Maryland
- B.S., Physics, University of Maryland

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