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Raj Shah is the Chair of the Chicago Litigation Group and former co-chair of DLA Piper's Class Action Litigation practice. He litigates complex commercial disputes and counsels some of the leading global companies through strategic and multi-disciplinary matters. *Chambers* identifies Raj as the leader of a litigation group that clients view as “fantastic: very smart, organized and efficient.”

Raj serves as lead counsel for *Fortune 500* and large privately held clients involved in complicated disputes across a variety of highly regulated industries, including pharmaceuticals and medical devices, manufacturing and retail, telecommunications, transportation and financial services. Raj's practice is national in scope and he focuses on defending clients in class action and consumer protection litigation, licensing, royalty and other intellectual property disputes, merger and acquisition related contests, fraud and corporate governance matters and product liability and mass tort litigation.

Raj has been elected or appointed to serve in a variety of leadership positions at DLA Piper. He currently serves on the Firm's Associate Compensation Committee. He previously served on DLA Piper's Policy Committee, Partner-Slating Committee, on the Chicago office's Diversity and Inclusion Committee, Hiring Committee and Chicago Pro Bono Committee, and on the board of advisors of the Marbury Institute, DLA Piper's professionalism program.

Raj has served on a variety of boards, including on the Institute for Inclusion in the Legal Profession and the Chicago Appleseed Fund for Justice.

Raj also leads the firm's India practice and counts among his clients many of India's most prominent companies.

- Litigation, Arbitration and Investigations
- Product Liability, Mass Torts and Product Stewardship
- Class Actions

- Life Sciences

Gujarati

LANGUAGES SPOKEN

- Gujarati

EXPERIENCE

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- The Presidential nominee for Surgeon General in Senate proceedings resulting in successful confirmation of the nominee as 19th Surgeon General of the United States and the first of Indian descent
- Two of the world's leading airlines in a more than US\$3 billion high-profile lawsuit seeking to enjoin the City of Chicago from commencing expansion of O'Hare International Airport through the issuance of billions of dollars of bonds without contractually mandated airline approval
- Two leading rental car companies in a lawsuit seeking to enjoin the City of Chicago from allocating to the rental car industry more than US\$800 million in costs for proposed capital projects tied to the City's award of rental car concession licenses and leases in violation of state laws and local ordinance
- A global conglomerate in coordinating global strategy for defending against two putative class actions and 134 mass action lawsuits involving over 10,000 individual plaintiffs for asserted claims of strict liability, negligence, property damage and medical monitoring related to the alleged release of environmental toxins
- One of the three national credit bureaus defending against numerous class actions across the US for claims of violation of federal statutes, consumer protection statutes and state privacy common law and in MDL proceedings and separately, in an action for damages in excess of US\$150 million for alleged corporate fraud and breach of contract
- Two national suppliers of mulch defending against two putative nationwide class actions alleging fraud, violation of virtually every state's consumer protection laws and unjust enrichment claims regarding alleged misrepresentations regarding the volume of mulch in bags sold to consumers
- One of the country's largest retailers defending against a multi-million dollar class action for an alleged violation of the Florida consumer protection statute for alleged overestimation of siding and insulation. Summary judgment was granted for our client on all claims
- One of the world's largest airlines defending against a class action brought on behalf of plaintiffs asserting consumer fraud, breach of contract and other claims relating to the airline's ticket cancellation policies. Judgment awarded in favor of our client on all claims
- A leading global health company defending against contract and unfair trade practice claims totaling more than US\$50 million related to the sale of coronary stents
- A leading global healthcare company defending against breach of contract claims alleging more than \$20 million in damages for alleged failure to pay royalty and milestone payments from a topical cream to treat osteoarthritis
- A leading global healthcare company defending against a biopharmaceutical company's multi-million dollar claim for damages allegedly arising from breaches of a pharmaceutical licensing agreement for a late-stage antibiotic
- A leading global healthcare company in prosecuting claims against a Fortune 500 competitor and former C-suite executive for theft of proprietary next generation infusion pump business plans and other trade secret information resulting in entry of injunction after hearing
- A leading global healthcare company defending against claims asserted by a Fortune 500 competitor for hiring of a C-suite executive in alleged violation of various terms of an employee agreement
- A healthcare division of a large commercial finance company in a multi-jurisdictional dispute concerning competitor and former employees' theft of trade secrets. Preliminary injunctions across jurisdictions were granted in favor of our client
- A medical device manufacturer of needle-free valves defending against a multi-million dollar patent infringement suit asserted by large healthcare company
- A large pharmaceutical company defending against product liability claims allegedly relating to ingestion of anti-smoking cessation medication
- A large accounting firm defending against a more than US\$100 million derivative action which alleged, among other things, that the client's audits were not in accordance with GAAP. Successfully obtained a dismissal with prejudice of all claims against our client
- A subsidiary of a NYSE company defending against a US\$30 million breach of contract and fraud action and accounting matters regarding a US\$90-plus million asset sale of five companies. The case was settled after partial reversal of a trial court's denial of our client's motion to compel arbitration was granted by the First Circuit Court of Appeals
- A leading private equity firm in a more than US\$30 million fraud, breach of representation and warranty and post-closing dispute asserted against seller of financial services company

- A financial services organization defending against a more than US\$20 million breach of contract and fraud action. After our client's motion to exclude experts was filed, the case was settled on terms favorable to our client
- Six of the world's leading airlines for purposes of intervening into a lawsuit concerning whether the airlines or the United States government, acting through the Federal Emergency Management Agency, is liable for costs of natural disasters at O'Hare International Airport and Midway Airport. On appeal, the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals issued the first published reversal of a trial court's denial of motion to permissively intervene
- A large film laboratory in a multi-million dollar breach of contract action in arbitration resulting in a multi-million dollar verdict for our client
- A manufacturer of film and plastic bags as plaintiff against a large frozen food company in a breach of contract dispute. After a full evidentiary hearing was held, our client successfully obtained dismissal of a US\$18 million counterclaim; the case then was settled, with our clients' fees paid in full

CREDENTIALS

Admissions

- Illinois

Recognitions

Chambers USA identifies Raj as a key contact and notable practitioner in general commercial litigation. He is identified as the leader of a group that is "fantastic: very smart, organized and efficient."

The National Law Journal has named Raj a Top 40 Under 40 Rising Star in Chicago, recognizing him among the top young talent that will play a leading role in the legal community for years to come. Illinois Super Lawyer, a Thompson Reuters business, consistently ranks him as a leading lawyer in Illinois. Raj previously was named the Illinois State Bar Association's Young Lawyer of the Year.

Raj also has developed a practice representing Indian companies and the Indian community as US co-head of DLA Piper's India Initiative. In this regard, he has been awarded the international Pride of India Gold Award by the Non-Resident Indian (NRI) Institute. The NRI Institute is a prestigious international organization that encourages interactions between prominent non-resident Indians or persons of Indian origin who live outside India and those who reside in India. The Pride of India Gold Awards that year were given to only 16 non-resident Indians selected from across the globe for their significant contributions to the socioeconomic development of India and the Indian community in their adopted countries. Raj was recognized for his significant accomplishments and contributions in the field of law. He was among the youngest recipients of the award.

Education

- J.D., University of Michigan 1997
Campbell Moot Court Competition Champion
Michigan Journal of International Law
- B.B.A., Finance, University of Michigan 1995
with distinction

Courts

- United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit
- United States District Court for the District of Arizona
- United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts
- United States District Court for the District of Minnesota
- United States District Court for the Middle District of North Carolina
- United States District Court for the Northern District of California

- United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia
- United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois
- United States District Court for the Southern District of Illinois
- United States District Court for the Southern District of Indiana

Memberships

- 2009 Leadership Fellow, Leadership Greater Chicago
- Executive Member, US-India Business Council
- Board Member, Institute for Inclusion in the Legal Profession
- Board Member, Chicago Appleseed Fund for Justice
- Illinois State Bar Association
- Chicago Bar Association
- American Bar Association
- University of Michigan Alumni Association
- Chicago Executives' Club

Civic and Charitable

Raj's personal cause is the fight against breast cancer.

INSIGHTS

Publications

- "In India, lawyers see emerging market," *Chicago Daily Law Bulletin*, February 27, 2015

NEWS

Raj's high profile representations and accomplishments have been recognized in the national and international press, including, among others, the *Economic Times of India*, *Garavi Gujarat*, *Chicago Sun-Times*, *Chicago Lawyer*, *Chicago Daily Law Bulletin*, *Detroit News*, *India Abroad*, *IndUS Business Journal*, *India Tribune* and *India West*. Raj also has been featured in the executive profile sections of the *IndUs Business Journal* and *Biz India*.

MEDIA MENTION

- "The Simple Story Of Raj Shah," *Super Lawyers*, January 29, 2020