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Services

Litigation and Dispute Resolution

- Class and Collective Actions
- Commercial and Corporate Litigation
- Election and Political Law
- Governmental Litigation
- Professional Liability and Malpractice Litigation
- Real Estate and Construction Litigation

Public Finance

Industries

- Construction
- Government and Public Sector
- Health Care
- Higher Education

Education

Harvard Law School, J.D., 1994
University of Michigan, B.B.A.

Bar Admissions

District of Columbia
Michigan

Court Admissions

U.S. Court of Appeals



Sonal Hope Mithani

Principal
Ann Arbor Resident Director
General Counsel

Recognized by *Michigan Lawyers Weekly* as one of 2017's "Women in the Law," named by *Crain's Detroit Business* as one of its "Notable Women in the Law" for 2019, and recognized as one of the Top 50 Women Michigan Super Lawyers in 2025, Soni Mithani has more than 30 years of experience litigating complex commercial and governmental litigation matters. Her practice carries an emphasis on non-compete and trade secret litigation, consumer class action litigation, construction litigation, real estate litigation, and municipal litigation, including several class action matters challenging the constitutionality of municipal fees. She also serves as the firm's General Counsel and has provided advice and counsel to other law firms seeking guidance on issues relating to professional responsibility and legal ethics.

Municipal and Headlee Amendment Litigation and Counseling

Soni has handled cases on behalf of a variety of municipal entities including bond-related disputes, actions to enforce consent judgments against municipalities, ballot challenges, and claims involving the Open Meetings Act. She is also well-versed in defending challenges to imposed utility fees based on the theory that the fees are impermissibly-assessed taxes under the Michigan Constitution, having handled in the last five years more than a dozen cases brought against municipalities under the Headlee Amendment. She has also handled several claims challenging the reasonableness and appropriateness of municipal rates and fees under state and federal law and has counseled communities regarding the legality of their ordinances and rate setting methodologies.

Sonal Hope Mithani

- Sixth Circuit

U.S. District Courts

- District of Columbia
- Eastern District of Michigan
- Western District of Michigan

Professional Responsibility and Legal Ethics Counseling

Soni has advised smaller-to-mid-sized law firms on issues concerning professional misconduct, focusing on ethical quandaries, client responsibilities, and risk mitigation. She has also provided these firms with guidance on potential loss prevention concerns in various areas including but not limited to internal practice decisions and vendor and client management.

General Business and Complex Commercial Litigation

Soni maintains a broad general commercial litigation practice that encompasses cases ranging in value from seven-to-nine figures. Her cases include disputes over the enforcement of non-compete and confidentiality provisions, insurance coverage work, securities litigation and scores of business-to-business breach of contract and breach of warranty matters. Her commercial litigation practice covers matters not only in trial courts but appellate courts, as well, where she has frequently obtained favorable decisions either reversing or upholding trial court rulings. She also provides general legal advice to several clients including large corporations, governmental entities, mid-size businesses, private schools and non-profit organizations.

Real Estate and Construction Litigation

Soni represents entities in disputes involving real estate, including lien enforcement actions, lease disputes, eminent domain actions and actions to quiet title. She also represents owners and contractors involved in construction disputes. Her construction practice involves trial and appellate litigation and larger-scale arbitrations involving claims for liquidated damages, negligent design, recovery under the Spearin doctrine, delay, inefficiency, acceleration, schedule compression, changed conditions and contract abandonment.