

Santosh Aravind

Santosh Aravind, a former federal prosecutor, is an experienced trial and appellate lawyer who represents individuals and companies in white-collar criminal investigations, regulatory enforcement proceedings, cyber-security matters, and complex commercial litigation. Santosh has represented individuals and companies in proceedings brought by the Securities and Exchange Commission, the United States Department of Justice, the Office of Attorney General in Texas, Massachusetts Attorney General's Office, and various state agencies in Texas. He has chaired or co-chaired nearly a dozen trials, including nine as a former federal prosecutor in New York City, and has briefed and argued numerous appeals before the Second Circuit Court of Appeals and Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, as well as state appellate courts in Texas. Santosh also regularly advises start-up technology companies, oil and gas companies, and individuals and companies involved in business disputes.

Before joining Scott Douglass & McConnico, Santosh served as an Assistant United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York for over five years. While a federal prosecutor, Santosh investigated and prosecuted a variety of offenses including securities fraud, bank fraud, tax fraud, murder, racketeering, weapons and international narcotics trafficking, international money laundering, public corruption, and organized crime.

From 2005 to 2009, Santosh was an associate in the litigation department in the New York office of Latham & Watkins, LLP. At Latham, Santosh represented individuals and defendants in securities and complex commercial litigation and government investigations.

After graduating from Yale University and the University of Michigan Law School, Santosh served as a law clerk for the Honorable Julian Abele Cook, Jr. in the United States District



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Court for the Eastern District of Michigan from 2003 to 2005.

Representative matters

successfully co-chaired the representation of a publicly-traded oil and gas company in a jury trial in Karnes County, which resulted in a comprehensive jury verdict for the company.

part of team that prevailed in Fifth Circuit appeal on behalf of oil and gas company in dispute over interpretation of an area of mutual interest provision.

part of team that won Fifth Circuit appeal in pro bono case for individual charged with narcotics and firearms offenses, vacating all counts of conviction.

represented a former CFO of an import company in parallel criminal and civil investigations brought by the United States Attorney's Office for the District of South Carolina and Western District of Texas involving claims of evading anti-dumping duties.

represented an Austin technology company in a case involving theft of trade secrets by a rival company.

represented a real estate developer in an SEC investigation relating to alleged Securities Act and Exchange Act violations by developer's business partner.

represented a student loan company in an investigation by the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office arising from the company's origination of loans for students attending a technical college.

represented a former mayor of a Mexican city in civil forfeiture action by the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Texas involving allegations of public corruption.

represented a leading national forensic laboratory in



administrative proceedings before the Texas Forensic Science Commission.

represented a foreign hedge fund in connection with a lawsuit filed in New York state court against a financial institution in connection with billions of dollars of purchases of residential mortgage-backed securities.

represented a publicly traded oil and gas company in defending a putative class action and other royalty disputes.

part of team that secured the dismissal of all charges in a defamation suit filed against a former Board of Regents member for a university in Texas.

Bar Admissions & Activities

Admitted to the Texas State Bar and New York State Bar, the United States District Courts for the Western, Northern, Southern, and Eastern Districts of Texas, the United States District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York, the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit and the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.

Member, Austin Bar Association

Member, Austin Asian American Bar Association

Founding Member and Barrister, Barbara Jordan Inns of Court (2017-2019)

Panel Member, Western District of Texas Criminal Justice Act

Education

Yale University, B.A., cum laude, 1999

University of Michigan Law School, J.D., 2003



Member, University of Michigan Law Review