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Monisha is a Partner in the Business Litigation and AI / Data Privacy practice groups. She represents companies in a wide range of complex business disputes, including trade secret theft, unfair competition, breach of contract, violations of privacy and AI laws (CIPA, ECPA, CCPA, US & EU AI statutes), shareholder derivative claims, corporate fraud / mismanagement, ADA claims, real estate developer disputes, title fraud, and mortgage foreclosures before state and federal courts, administrative agencies, and in arbitrations. She advises clients on domestic and international AI and data privacy compliance.

Dually licensed in India, Monisha represents companies in cross-border India-US business and real estate litigation. She has testified as an expert on Indian law. She advises clients on Indian commercial, financial, real estate, and inheritance laws and transactions.

Monisha was Chair of the Los Angeles County Bar Association's Litigation Section and continues to be a member of its Executive Committee. In that role, she collaborates closely with local judges and attorneys to enhance functioning of the courts and access to justice for all. She has been invited to speak on numerous legal panels alongside senior attorneys and the local judiciary. Monisha's legal writings have been published in Bloomberg, LexisNexis, the Los Angeles Lawyer, and the Indiana Lawyer Journal. She was featured on the cover of the Los Angeles Lawyer magazine.

Monisha is a third-generation attorney; her father was a Barrister from Lincoln's Inn, U.K., and her grandfather was a Magistrate Judge in India. She is an avid hiker, sailor, and an enthusiast of the local theatre and symphony.

Other Info About Monisha

Education

University of Southern California Gould School of Law, L.L.M., M&A, Securities Regulation, Corporate Transactions, 2009

University of San Diego School of Law, L.L.M., International Trade Law, International Civil Litigation, International Arbitration, 2001

University of Bombay Government Law College, India, L.L.B., University Gold Medal

St. Xavier's College, Mumbai, India, B.A., Economics & Commerce

Courts

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

U.S. District Courts for the Central and Eastern Districts of California

Recognition

Los Angeles County Bar Association, [Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month Honoree](#), 2023

Gold Medal – LL.B. Exam (J.D. equivalent) University of Bombay, India

Women of Influence (Attorney), *Los Angeles Business Journal*, 2021

Leaders in Law Award, Finalist, *Los Angeles Business Journal*, 2017, 2019

Selected for inclusion in *Southern California Super Lawyers®*, 2017–2025, *Southern California Women's Edition* 2024–2025

Professional Affiliations

Chair – Los Angeles County Bar Association, Litigation Section (2019–20); Chair Elect – (2018–19); Secretary – (2017–18); Member – (2015–18)

Board of Directors – Constitutional Rights Foundation (2022)

Vice Chair – American Bar Association, Section of International Law (2018–20)

Member – LACBA President’s Advisory Commission on Women in the Law (2017–22)

Board Member – South Asian Network (oldest non-profit serving the South Asian Community) (2017– 2019)

Vice President – LACBA Trial Practice Inns of Court (2016–17); Member (2013–16)

Member – California Senate Taskforce on Equity and Diversity (2011–12)

Founding Director – South Asian Bar Association’s Public Interest Foundation (2005–06)

Presentations

Guest, “Things We Carry” radio show with host Varshini Satish, Bharat FM, August 20, 2022

Panelist, “Building for the Future on Blockchain: Panel of Industry Experts – Ensuring your Leadership in Tomorrow’s World,” Association of Information Technology Professionals LA, April 28, 2022

Panelist, “How to Start a Business in India – Considerations, Opportunities, and Resources,” TiE SoCal 2022 Knowledge Series, January 26, 2022

Panelist, “Bias Driven Incivility in the Legal Profession,” Los Angeles County Bar Association Litigation Section, December 2021

Panelist, “Doing Business with India & Mexico: Laws, Pitfalls and Best Practices,” CLE Session, The Orange County Bar Association, International Section, May 2021

Speaker, “How L.A. County’s Eviction and Rent Increase Moratoriums Impact Landlords and Multifamily Properties,” L.A. Multifamily Real Estate Networking Group Webinar, August 12, 2020

Panelist, "Civil Litigation Walk Through, Training Program for Lawyers," A.S.C., Stanley Mosk Courthouse, March 2019

Panelist, "Addressing Judicial & Attorney Bias," Los Angeles County Bar Association Trial Practice Inn of Court, November 2016

Panelist, "Discovery: Duking it Out, Nicely, Before Your Judge or Mediator," Los Angeles County Bar Association Trial Practice Inn of Court, January 2016

Panelist, "Motions for Summary Judgement," Los Angeles County Bar Association, June 2015

Major Publications

["Generative AI Disclaimers: A Practitioners Guide,"](#) LexisNexis, March 2026

["Not So Fast: Holdings in *Commodity Futures Trading Commission v. Ooki DAO* and other recent cases are finding that participants in DAOs are subject to the court's jurisdiction and are liable for each other's actions,"](#) Co-Author, *Los Angeles Lawyer*, January 2024

["AI: Tomorrow's Platform or Today's Ethical Quicksand?"](#) *Indiana Lawyer*, August 2023

[California Courts Restrict Late Fees When Borrowers Default,](#) *Bloomberg Law's Banking, Professional Perspectives*, July 2023

["Blockchain Smart Contracts: Changing the Way Business is Done Today,"](#) Apr. 2021

"Technology and the ADA: Website Accessibility, Part 1 & 2," Jul. 2021, Aug. 2021 [Part 1](#) | [Part 2](#)

"California Trial Practice: Civil Procedure Before Trial, Federal Jurisdiction," E.B., Updates Editor, 2019

"Key Developments in Indian Arbitration Law," American Bar Association, Section of International Law, Year in Review, 2018:52

"Fundamentals of an American Lawsuit (For Business)," *Book Published* – handbook on how lawsuits progress in American courts from case initiation to trial/settlement for business owners, Nov.

2016

"Informal Discovery Conferences," *Los Angeles Lawyer Magazine*, cover article co-authored with Hon. Samantha Jessner, L.A.S.C., Hon. Amy Hogue, L.A.S.C., and Laura Wirth, Esq., Oct. 2016

Featured Articles

[Generative AI Disclaimers: A Practitioners Guide](#)

[AI: Tomorrow's Platform or Today's Ethical Quicksand?](#)

[California Courts Restrict Late Fees When Borrowers Default](#)

[Technology and the ADA: Website Accessibility – Part 2](#)

[Technology and the ADA: Website Accessibility – Part 1](#)

[Blockchain Smart Contracts: Changing the Way Business is Done Today](#)

[CCPA vs. CPRA: What Has Changed and How Can Businesses Prepare?](#)

[Navigating the 2021 Updates to Los Angeles County's Eviction Moratorium During COVID-19](#)

[Evictions of Commercial and Residential Tenants Can Resume in California. Now What?](#)

[Navigating California's and Los Angeles County's Eviction and Rent Increase Moratoriums During COVID-19: Updates for Commercial & Residential Landlords and Tenants](#)

[California Bill to Enhance Insurance Coverage for Business Interruption Losses will Provide Financial Relief to Companies Impacted by COVID-19](#)

[Federal, California, and Los Angeles Region Moratoriums on Evictions, Rent Increases, and Mortgage Foreclosures](#)

[SBA Releases Paycheck Protection Program Loan Forgiveness Application and Instructions](#)

[Q&A for Commercial Landlords and Tenants: Tips on Negotiating Leases & Addressing Lender Issues](#)

[Main Street Lending Program Adds Third Loan Program: The Main Street Priority Loan](#)

[Understanding California's Price Gouging Laws: The Do's & Don'ts of Price & Rent Increases during State Emergencies](#)

[U.S. Federal Reserve Announces Main Street Lending Program for Small and Mid-Sized Businesses](#)

[Webinar Recap: Relief Loans: Next Steps Under the Paycheck Protection Program and Other Financial Assistance to Help You Stay in Business](#)

[Financial Assistance for Businesses & Individuals During COVID-19](#)

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