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Jonathan N. Soleimani is a senior litigation associate in the Los Angeles office of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher. He practices in the firm's Appellate and Constitutional Law, Intellectual Property, Class Actions, and Media, Entertainment, and Technology Practice Groups.

Jonathan has successfully represented clients in a wide variety of federal and state matters through trial and appeal. His practice focuses on complex commercial litigation, with an emphasis on intellectual property, technology, entertainment, and constitutional matters.

He has been recognized three years in a row by *Best Lawyers* magazine as "One to Watch in America" for Commercial Litigation and Intellectual Property Law (2024 - 2026).

Representative matters include:

- *Department of Homeland Security v. Regents of the University of California*, 140 S. Ct. 1601 (U.S. 2020). Represented individual recipients under the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program through all district court, Ninth Circuit, and U.S. Supreme Court proceedings in a historic case successfully challenging the rescission of DACA.
- *Soundgarden v. UMG Recordings, Inc.* (C.D. Cal.). Obtained complete dismissal on the pleadings for Universal Music Group in a \$100 million putative class action regarding allegedly destroyed master recordings. Benchmark Litigation selected this judgment as one of its "2021 Impact Cases," and AmLaw Litigation Daily named the team its "Litigators of the Week" in April 2020.
- *DoorDash, Inc. v. City of New York* (S.D.N.Y.). Represent DoorDash in a constitutional challenge to a New York City ordinance compelling third-party delivery platforms to disclose their customers' sensitive personal information to merchants. Claims being litigated against the City include violations of the First Amendment, the Contract Clause, and the Takings Clause of the U.S. Constitution.
- *Starz Entertainment, LLC v. MGM Domestic Television Distribution, LLC* (C.D. Cal.). Represent MGM against Starz in a suit alleging over 1,000 individual claims for copyright infringement and related breaches of contract.
- *Epic Games, Inc. v. Apple Inc.* (N.D. Cal.). Member of the trial team that achieved victory for Apple on all antitrust claims following a three-week trial in a landmark case described by Law360 as the "Superbowl of Antitrust."
- *Gomez v. Trump* (D.D.C., D.C. Cir.) and *National Association of Manufacturers v. Department of Homeland Security* (N.D. Cal., 9th Cir.). Represented over 50 companies and business organizations—including Amazon, Apple, Facebook, Netflix, Twitter, and Uber—as amicus counsel in lower-court and appellate proceedings in challenges to the government's 2020 suspension of non-immigrant visa programs, including the H-1B program.



Capabilities

Litigation
Appellate and Constitutional Law
Intellectual Property
Media, Entertainment, and Technology
Public Policy

Credentials

Education

Yale University - 2013 Juris Doctor
University of California - Berkeley - 2006
Bachelor of Arts
University of California - Berkeley - 2006
Bachelor of Science

Admissions

California Bar

Clerkships

USDC, Central District of California, Hon.
Christina A. Snyder, 2015 - 2016

- *Oracle America, Inc. v. Hewlett Packard Enterprise Co.* (N.D. Cal.). Represented Hewlett Packard Enterprise Company against claims of copyright infringement, tortious interference, and unfair competition in a lawsuit relating to a subcontractor's handling of Oracle operating-system software. Obtained summary judgment in part, based on statute-of-limitations arguments, which the Ninth Circuit affirmed on appeal.
- *Jiminian v. Seabrook*, 760 F. App'x 38 (2d Cir. 2019). Obtained complete dismissal on the pleadings—and unanimous affirmance by the Second Circuit—for a law firm named in a shareholder derivative lawsuit.

From 2015 to 2016, Jonathan served as a law clerk to Judge Christina A. Snyder of the United States District Court for the Central District of California.

He earned his law degree from Yale Law School. At Yale, Jonathan was co-editor in chief of the *Yale Law & Policy Review*, a member of the San Francisco Affirmative Litigation Project, and a fellow of the Information Society Project at Yale Law School. In addition, Jonathan served as a judicial extern to then-Justice Dalveer Bhandari of the Supreme Court of India, now a member of the U.N.'s International Court of Justice.

Jonathan graduated first in his class and received his Bachelor of Science from U.C. Berkeley's Hass School of Business, for which he received the Departmental Citation. He also graduated *summa cum laude* from Berkeley's College of Letters and Science with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Economy. After college, Jonathan taught high school biology for two years in South Los Angeles as a Teach For America corps member.

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