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Amir C. Tayrani is a partner in Gibson Dunn's Washington, D.C. office. He practices in the firm's Litigation Department, is a member of the Appellate and Constitutional Law Practice Group and the Administrative Law and Regulatory Practice Group, and is Co-Chair of the Mass Torts and Product Liability Practice Group.

Amir was recently recognized by *Benchmark Litigation* as a "Future Star." Earlier in his career, Amir was recognized twice as an Appellate Rising Star by *Law360*, which described Amir as "a major player in some of the nation's recent, most high-profile lawsuits," from the "Citizens United campaign finance case to the battle in California over Proposition 8." Amir has also been consistently recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America*® guide for Appellate Practice since 2014.

Amir has significant experience representing clients before the U.S. Supreme Court and other appellate courts. He has argued cases in federal and state appellate courts across the country, including in the U.S. Supreme Court.

Amir has briefed 21 cases on the merits before the U.S. Supreme Court, including:

- *Daimler AG v. Bauman*: Opinion substantially restricting states' authority to exercise general personal jurisdiction over corporations.
- *Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. v. Dukes*: Decision decertifying the largest employment-discrimination class action in history.
- *Citizens United v. FEC*: Landmark campaign-finance ruling recognizing the First Amendment right of corporations to make expenditures in support of political candidates.
- *Caperton v. A.T. Massey Coal Co.*: Decision establishing that the Due Process Clause requires the recusal of elected judges who have received extraordinary levels of campaign support from litigants.
- *Allison Engine Co. v. United States ex rel. Sanders*: Case holding that the False Claims Act does not extend to alleged fraud against federally funded private parties.
- *Riegel v. Medtronic, Inc.*: Case declaring that federal law preempts state-law products liability claims regarding FDA-approved medical devices.
- *Leegin Creative Leather Products, Inc. v. PSKS, Inc.*: Decision overturning a ninety-six-year-old antitrust precedent prohibiting resale price maintenance agreements.

Amir also has an active administrative and regulatory practice. He regularly counsels clients in connection with matters pending before federal regulatory agencies — including the Financial Stability Oversight Council, the Securities and Exchange Commission, and the Environmental Protection Agency— and represents clients in litigation challenging agency action in the D.C. Circuit and other federal courts.

In addition, Amir has extensive products-liability experience. He has defended clients in a range of industries — including chemicals, consumer products, medical devices, and aviation — against products-liability and mass-tort claims in trial and appellate proceedings. Amir has also advised insurers on products-liability defense and litigation strategy.

Amir graduated from the Yale Law School in 2003, where he was Executive Editor of *The Yale Law Journal*. He served as a judicial clerk to the Honorable Diarmuid F. O'Scannlain of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. Amir earned a B.A. degree *summa cum laude* in Political Science from California State University, Fullerton. He is licensed to practice in California and the District of Columbia, and before the Supreme Court of the United States and the United States Courts of Appeals for the Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, Ninth, Tenth, Eleventh, D.C., and Federal Circuits.

Capabilities

Appellate and Constitutional Law

Administrative Law and Regulatory Practice

Litigation

Mass Torts and Product Liability

Credentials

Education

Yale University - 2003 Juris Doctor

California State University - Fullerton - 2000 Bachelor of Arts

Admissions

California Bar

District of Columbia Bar

Clerkships

US Court of Appeals, 9th Circuit, Hon. Diarmuid F. O'Scannlain, 2004 - 2005

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