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Apratim Vidyarthi is a litigation associate in the New York office of Gibson Dunn. His practice focuses on appellate and constitutional law, including First Amendment litigation; international judgment enforcement; technology law; law firm defense; and white collar defense. In addition, his work focuses on the media, entertainment, and technology industries.

Among his matters, Apratim represents a large technology company in First Amendment litigation against a government data sharing law and a national newspaper in a high-profile constitutional litigation against the government. Apratim also previously represented a media organization in a high-profile, multi-jurisdictional defamation/free speech lawsuit. He also represents a leading technology company in a nationwide class action antitrust case, and leading law firms in technology, bankruptcy, and ethics issues. Apratim also maintains a robust judgment enforcement practice. As part of the practice, he represents plaintiffs in various billion dollar judgment enforcement cases against foreign sovereigns. He is also enforcing an anti-counterfeiting judgment for Louis Vuitton.

Apratim maintains a robust pro bono practice, focusing on First Amendment, Second Amendment, constitutional policing, Executive power, and Equal Protection, and criminal justice issues. Apratim has filed amicus briefs at the Supreme Court in *Trump v. Miot*, *Pancholi v. United States*, *Little v. Llano County*, *Chiles v. Salazar*, *Free Speech Coalition v. Paxton*, *Gonzalez v. Trevino*, and *Hungary v. Simon*.

Apratim earned his J.D. *cum laude* in 2022 from the University of Pennsylvania. At Penn, he was the Philanthropy Editor for the *University of Pennsylvania Law Review*, sat on the Board of the *Journal of Law and Innovation*, was a Littleton Fellow (teaching Legal Practice Skills), the President of the Comedy Club, and the co-Chair of the Moot Court Board. He was a teaching assistant for Constitutional Law with Professor Mitchell Berman, and a research assistant and co-author with Professor Christopher Yoo. Apratim was awarded the 2022 Fred G. Leebron Memorial Prize, given to the graduating student with the best paper in constitutional law.

Prior to law school, Apratim worked at Deloitte Consulting in their technology consulting group. He also has a Masters of Science in Engineering and Technology Innovation Management from Carnegie Mellon, and Bachelors degrees in Nuclear Engineering and Applied Mathematics and a minor in Public Policy from the University of California, Berkeley.

Apratim's scholarship on technology and constitutional law has been published in various leading journals.

- Author, *The First Amendment as an Insufficient Solution to the Paradox of Tolerance*, 50 Vermont L. Rev. 435 (2026).
- Author, *A Sword and a Shield: An Antidiscrimination Analysis of Academic*

Capabilities

Litigation
Appellate and Constitutional Law
First Amendment and Free Expression
Higher Education
Law Firm Defense
Media, Entertainment, and Technology
National Security
Privacy, Cybersecurity, and Data Innovation
Public Policy
Sports Law
Tech and Innovation
Transnational Litigation
White Collar Defense and Investigations

Credentials

Education

University of Pennsylvania - 2022 Juris Doctor
Carnegie Mellon University - 2016 Master of Science
University of California - Berkeley - 2015 Bachelor of Science
University of California - Berkeley - 2015 Bachelor of Arts

Admissions

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Freedom Protections, 26 U. Pa. J. Const. L. 471 (2024).

- Author, *Formula Unjust: What Formula One Can Learn from the American Justice System to Improve Stewarding*, 44 Hastings Commc'ns & Ent. L.J. 1 (2023).
- Author, *Unknown Unknowns: Why We Need to Know More About How the Government Stifles the Right to Receive Information from Foreigners Online*, 170 U. Pa. L. Rev. 1341 (2022).
- Author, *The Public Square Has Eyes (or Cameras): Anonymous Speech Under the First and Fourth Amendment in the Age of Facial Recognition*, 32 Fordham Intell. Prop., Media & Ent. L. J. 630 (2022).
- Co-author, *Privacy in the Age of Contact Tracing: An Analysis of Contact Tracing Apps in Different Statutory and Disease Frameworks*, 5 J. L. Innovation 102 (2021) (with Christopher Yoo).
- Co-author, *Building Digital Walls and Making Speech and Internet Freedom (or Chinese Technology) Pay for It*, 16 Indian J. L. & Tech. (2021) (with Rachel Hulvey).

Apratim is admitted to practice in the state of New York, and before the United States District Courts for the Southern, Eastern, and Northern Districts of New York, the Second and Eleventh Circuits, and the Supreme Court of the United States.

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