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Overview

Charan focuses his practice on patent litigation and other intellectual property matters, primarily for pharmaceutical and technology clients. His trial focus helps him work with clients to craft efficient litigation strategies that meet their business objectives.

Charan advises clients in patent and other intellectual property litigation, primarily involving pharmaceutical, software, communications network, medical device, mechanical and biotechnology inventions. He represents clients through all stages of litigation, including trial, *inter partes* review and other PTAB proceedings, and appeals.

Charan also leverages his trial experience to advise clients on IP portfolio development, provide pre-litigation and freedom-to-operate opinions, prosecute high-value patents relating to a variety of technologies, and review key assets in transactional due diligence.

He represents clients in various types of litigation, adapting the core strategy to fit clients' business needs and objectives. His outside-the-box approach is highly valued in branded-side Hatch-Waxman Abbreviated New Drug Application (ANDA) patent litigation and bet-the-company patent litigation between multinational competitors. His ability to winnow cases to key strategic issues and evidence gives technology clients an advantage in efficiently defending against non-practicing entity litigation. Charan's broad technical background makes him well-suited both to delve into obscure points with experts while still simplifying complex issues for a lay audience. For this reason, Charan has been retained by clients to handle IP disputes relating to diverse technologies ranging from software, Internet routing and content delivery technologies, PET scanner crystallography, infrared missile seekers, genetically modified crops, automation equipment, mobile telephone handsets and computer hardware, and communications protocols.

Representative Matters

- Representing a clinical stage pharmaceutical company in foreign arbitration asserting claims against a Chinese partner for breach of a contract's milestone payment provisions associated with the clinical development of a treatment for acute myeloid leukemia.
- Representing a global generic pharmaceutical manufacturer in Hatch-Waxman patent litigation relating to the client's filing of an Abbreviated New Drug Application for authorization to market a generic version of NUBEQA® (darolutamide). We have already obtained for the client dismissal with prejudice of four Orange-Book listed patents.
- Obtained summary judgment of non-infringement for client Teradata and its customers relating to allegations that its relational database management software (RDBMS) product infringed multiple patents held by a former consultant/partner, as well as a ruling that the case was exceptional and a grant of attorneys' fees. The case is currently on appeal.
- Obtained summary judgment of non-infringement and unenforceability due to inequitable conduct on behalf of a generic pharmaceutical client in Hatch-Waxman ANDA litigation.*
- Argued an appeal before the Federal Circuit on behalf of appellee seeking reversal of summary judgment of non-infringement based on prosecution history estoppel in a Hatch-Waxman ANDA litigation.*
- Represented a global agricultural chemical company in patent ownership litigation involving three other parties claiming rights to genetically modified crop technology, resulting in a favorable settlement for the client on the eve of trial.*
- Defended a content delivery network client in multi-patent litigation that resulted in a full defense jury verdict.*
- Second-chaired arbitration for a global industrial automation company defending against allegations of trade secret misappropriation and breach of contract relating to remote monitoring and control technology, resulting in an award of over $1M in attorney's fees to the client.*

Credentials

EDUCATION

- University of California College of the Law – San Francisco, 1999, J.D.
- University of Michigan, 1995, M.S., Mechanical Engineering
- University of California – Berkeley, 1994, B.S., Mechanical Engineering

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

- California
- District of Columbia
- U.S. Patent & Trademark Office

- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the Central District of California
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan
- U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey
- U.S. Court of Federal Claims

Memberships

- President, University of California, College of the Law, San Francisco Foundation Board of Trustees, (2026-2027)
- South Asian Bar Association of Northern California: VP-Sponsorship (2024-present), President (2023-2024), President-Elect (2022-2023), VP-Conference (2021-2022), Board of Directors (2016-2021)
- UC Hastings Foundation: Vice President (2024-present), Fundraising Co-Chair (2019-present), Board of Trustees (2019-present)
- University of California, Hastings College of the Law Alumni Association: President (2018-2019), President-Elect (2017-2018), Secretary (2016-2017), Treasurer (2015-2016), Fundraising Chair (2013-2015), Board of Governors (2008-2019)
- South Asian Bar Association of Washington, D.C.: President-Elect (2015), General Director (2014), Board of Directors (2014-2015)
- Lowell School: Member, Board of Trustees (2012-2015)

Awards & Recognition

- Named, Daily Journal 2026 Top Intellectual Property Lawyer
- Best Lawyers® “Lawyer of the Year”, Intellectual Property Litigation (2025)
- Listed, Best Lawyers® “Best Lawyer®”, Intellectual Property Litigation, (2020-2026)
- Minority Bar Coalition: Recipient of 2021 MBC Unity Award
- Nation’s Best - Western Region, Lawyers of Color (2019)
- Rising Star, Law & Politics’ Washington, D.C. Super Lawyers (2013)

News & Insights

- Daily Journal Names Benesch Partner Charan Brahma a 2026 Top Intellectual Property Lawyer
  May 20, 2026 | Press Releases

- No More Early Gatekeeping: Ninth Circuit Clarifies Timing for Trade Secret Identification Under DTSA
  March 31, 2026 | Client Alerts & Insights
- 129 Benesch Attorneys Recognized in 2026 Best Lawyers® Rankings
  August 21, 2025 | Press Releases
- 132 Benesch Attorneys Recognized in 2025 Best Lawyers® Rankings
  August 14, 2024 | Press Releases
- Best Lawyers in America® Rankings 2024
  August 17, 2023 | Press Releases
- U.S. News & World Report - Best Lawyers Rankings 2023
  August 18, 2022 | Press Releases
- Charan Brahma Named President-Elect of the South Asian Bar Association of North America
  June 13, 2022 | Press Releases
- Brahma to Join Benesch's DEI Committee as Co-Chair
  March 30, 2022 | Press Releases
- U.S. News & World Report - Best Lawyers Rankings 2022
  August 19, 2021 | Press Releases
- Charan Brahma quoted in Law360 | "GSK Redo Doesn't Cure Generics' 'Skinny Label' Uncertainty"
  August 10, 2021 | Media Mentions

Speaking & Events

PAST EVENTS

- Things I Wish I Knew as a Rookie IP Litigator | Charan Brahma
  October 20, 2026 | Speaking Engagement
- Every Word Matters: Effective Claim Drafting and Construction in Today's Pharmaceutical and Chemical Landscape | Charanjit Brahma, Tara Raghavan, Michael S. Weinstein
  November 11, 2025 | Speaking Engagement
- Making Your List & Checking It Twice: Considerations For Orange Book Listing in Light Of Recent Court Decisions | Charanjit Brahma
  December 8, 2021 | Speaking Engagement
- Bamboo Ceiling: Asian-Americans in Private Sector Leadership | Charanjit Brahma
  March 12, 2021 | Speaking Engagement
- General Counsel Panel with the South Asian Bar Association (SABA) of Northern California and SABA Washington, D.C | Charanjit Brahma
  February 26, 2021 | Firm Events