

ALI I. ALSARRAF, Associate

Ali I. Alsarraf is a commercial litigator who represents companies and individuals in their most complex and high-stakes disputes. As an associate in the firm's Litigation Department, Mr. Alsarraf brings a wealth of experience in litigating and advising clients regarding crises that pose an existential threat to their companies' businesses or brands. His work also includes representing clients in domestic and international forums in matters with significant human rights implications.

Mr. Alsarraf is a member of the firm's Complex Commercial Litigation, Human Rights and Global Strategy, and Government Controversies and Public Policy Litigation Practices. He has significant experience in both federal and state courts in cases involving civil RICO, fraud, breach of contract, securities fraud, legal malpractice, and defamation claims. Mr. Alsarraf's crisis management and litigation practice also includes representing clients held hostage overseas, victims of terrorism and other international law violations seeking to vindicate their rights through litigation in US courts, and investors seeking to recover their expropriated foreign investments. Mr. Alsarraf also has substantial experience vetting individuals for high-profile appointments in the content, tech, and media space.

Before joining Jenner & Block, Mr. Alsarraf served as a law clerk to the Honorable Ann M. Donnelly of the US District Court for the Eastern District of New York. Before clerking, Mr. Alsarraf was a litigation associate at a top law firm in New York, where he focused on complex commercial litigation, international arbitration, and securities litigation and investigations. Mr. Alsarraf went to trial on cases in the Southern District of New York, in the Delaware Court of Chancery, and before an SEC administrative law judge.

Mr. Alsarraf maintains an active pro bono practice. He has successfully secured relief in federal court for homeless New Yorkers housed in New York City's shelter system and secured a winning settlement in a Religious Freedom Restoration Act lawsuit against federal prison officials after he deposed two of the defendants. Mr. Alsarraf also succeeded in petitioning the Governor of Illinois to grant his incarcerated client clemency. Mr. Alsarraf has extensive experience working on immigration-related cases, arguing an immigration appeal in the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals and representing clients in their refugee resettlement and Special Immigrant Visa applications. He has also filed amicus briefs concerning the death penalty and immigration issues.

Mr. Alsarraf serves as a member of the firm's Pro Bono Committee and Associate Board of the Diversity and Inclusion Committee, and as a Co-Chair of the firm's Muslim Affinity Group. He also serves on the Associate Board of the Chicago Committee on Minorities in Large Law Firms and the board of the Muslim Bar Association of Chicago.

During law school, Mr. Alsarraf founded the USC chapter of the International Refugee Assistance Project, was a member of the Southern California Law Review, and was a teaching fellow in the Legal Writing and Advocacy Program. He received the Miller-Johnson Equal Justice Award for his commitment to civil and social justice. Before law school, Mr. Alsarraf studied Arabic in Amman,



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PRACTICE GROUPS

Complex Commercial Litigation
Government Controversies and Public Policy Litigation
Human Rights and Global Strategy Litigation

EDUCATION

University of Southern California Gould School of Law, JD, 2013; Miller-Johnson Equal Justice Award; Member, *Southern California Law Review*

DePaul University, BA, 2009; *magnum cum laude*

ADMISSIONS

New York, 2014

Admitted only in New York, not admitted in Illinois. Practicing under the supervision of the partnership of Jenner & Block, LLP.

COURT ADMISSIONS

US Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit

US District Court, Southern District of New York

US District Court, Eastern District of New York

US District Court, Northern District of Illinois

US District Court, Central District of Illinois

JUDICIAL CLERKSHIPS

Hon. Ann M. Donnelly, US District Court, Eastern District of New York, 2018 - 2019

Jordan.

Representative matters of Mr. Alsarraf's include:

- Representing a utilities company in high-profile civil RICO and fraud suits in federal and state court concerning legislation allegedly obtained through bribery.
- Representing an affiliate of a Fortune 500 company in its lengthy high-profile civil RICO, fraud, and breach of contract trial in the Southern District of New York against an originator of life settlements, which resulted in a successful settlement and was recognized by Benchmark Litigation as its "Impact Case of the Year" in 2016.*
- Representing a high-profile foreign individual in US civil litigation against persons who had attempted to kill him.
- Advising Facebook on the composition of the Oversight Board for Content Decisions, specifically as it relates to actual or perceived conflicts of interest of board member candidates, and on other content-related matters.
- Successfully obtaining dismissal with prejudice of malpractice and related claims asserted against an international law firm and several of its lawyers concerning the firm's handling of certain transactional matters.
- Representing the victim of a terrorist act in US civil litigation against financial institutions for materially supporting terrorism.
- Representing a prominent CLO fund manager in various litigations in multiple jurisdictions, including a successful defense against an SEC fraud action seeking disgorgement of over \$200 million, in which all charges were dismissed following a three-week trial before an SEC Administrative Law Judge.*
- Representing a telecommunications company in an ICSID arbitration regarding the expropriation of the company's investment in the telecommunications sector of a country in the Middle East.*
- Successfully defending an affiliate of a Fortune 500 company against misappropriation of trade secrets and breach of confidentiality claims seeking over a billion dollars in damages, securing plaintiffs' dismissal of action with prejudice.*
- Successfully defending a New York not-for-profit organization, winning the return of \$10 million seized by the New York Attorney General and ending NYAG's investigation.*

Mr. Alsarraf's pro bono matters include:

- Successfully obtaining two temporary restraining orders and a preliminary injunction against the City of New York on behalf of homeless New Yorkers in connection with the City's movement of homeless residents from its de-densification hotel network to congregate shelters.
- Successfully petitioning the Governor of Illinois to grant an incarcerated individual clemency.
- Successfully obtaining a settlement on behalf of an incarcerated individual in a Religious Freedom Restoration Act lawsuit against federal prison officials who had infringed on his religious rights.*
- Representing the estate of a deceased individual and her husband in a civil lawsuit against Wexford and prison health professionals for their medical malpractice and deliberate indifference to her medical needs for failing to timely diagnose and treat her cancer.
- Arguing before the Seventh Circuit in support of an appeal of a Board of Immigration Appeals denial of asylum, withholding of removal, and Convention Against Torture applications.*
- Representing an Iraqi national who worked with the US mission in Iraq in applications for a Special Immigrant Visa and refugee resettlement.

- Arguing in an amicus brief that the Board of Immigration Appeals should construe the term “minor” to include individuals up to 21 years of age.*
- Arguing in an amicus brief that the U.S. Supreme Court should grant a petition for writ of certiorari seeking to challenge a Sixth Circuit decision concerning the proposed execution method to carry out the death penalty in Ohio.

*indicates representation occurred prior to joining Jenner & Block

Service to the Bar

- Arab American Bar Association of Illinois
Member, November 2019-present
- Muslim Bar Association of Chicago
Board Member, 2020-Present
- Muslim Bar Association of New York
Member, 2015-2019
Director, 2017- 2018
Gala Committee Co-Chair, 2017-2018
Gala Committee Member, 2018-2019
- National Association of Muslim Lawyers
Member, 2017-Present
Large Law Firm Committee Member, Oct. 2017-March 2018, Nov. 2019-present
- New York State Bar Association
Member, May 2014-December 2017
- Federal Bar Council
Member, Sept. 2017-August 2018
- Federal Bar Association
Member, Nov. 2019-present

Community

- The Chicago Committee on Minorities in Large Law Firms
Associate Board Member, 2021-

Firm

- Pro Bono Committee
Member
- Associate Board of the Diversity and Inclusion Committee
Member
- Muslim Affinity Group
Co-Chair

