

Preethi Sekharan

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Practice & Industry Areas

- Business Litigation
- Intellectual Property Litigation
- Appellate Law
- Probate, Trust & Guardianship Litigation

Education

- New York Law School, J.D.
- Tulane University, M.P.H.
- Judson College, B.S.

Bar & Court Admissions

- Florida, 2004
- New York, 2002
- United States District Court, Northern District of Florida
- United States District Court, Southern District of Florida
- United States District Court, Southern District of New York
- United States District Court, Eastern District of New York
- United States Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit

Overview

Preethi Sekharan is chair of the firm's Intellectual Property Litigation practice. She focuses on assisting the firm's clients with their intellectual property and trade secret disputes. She is also involved in complex business litigation and the resolution of corporate and shareholder disputes, including those involving contract and restrictive covenant issues. In addition, Preethi has handled a wide variety of fiduciary and trust-related litigation.

Preethi has represented clients in state and federal courts both inside and outside of the state of Florida. She is steadfastly focused on leveraging each client's position in order to minimize potential loss. Preethi is personally dedicated to understanding the often complex

factual and legal issues at play in every matter for which she is involved. Her goal is to learn as much as possible about each client's business and industry and to provide an objective analysis of her client's position going forward. Preethi is committed to productive communication and designing solutions that will safeguard her client's interests.

Preethi is an active member of the Treasure Coast legal community. In addition to serving as a past president of the Martin County Bar Association, Preethi also served as past president of the Martin County Chapter of the Florida Association for Women Lawyers. Currently, Preethi serves as chair of the Martin County Bar Association's Judicial Relations Committee, as president of the Justice Major B. Harding American Inn of Court, and served on The Florida Bar's Federal Practice Committee. Recently, Preethi was appointed by The Florida Bar to serve as a state delegate to the American Bar Association (ABA) House of Delegates.

Honors

- AV Preeminent rating as independently determined by Martindale-Hubbell
- AV Preeminent Client Review Rated by Martindale-Hubbell
- *The Best Lawyers in America*®
 - Commercial Litigation, Intellectual Property Litigation, 2020-24
 - Intellectual Property Litigation, "Lawyer of the Year," 2023
- *Stuart Magazine*, "Top Lawyers," Commercial Litigation, Intellectual Property Law, Trusts and Estates, 2021 & 2023
- *Palm Beach Illustrated*, "Top Lawyers," Business Litigation, Intellectual Property Law, 2023
- Martin County Bar Association, "Professionalism Award", 2016
- Soroptimist International of Stuart's Woman of Distinction, 2015
- Florida Bar Foundation's "Medal of Honor" award, Nominee, 2013
- United Way's "Employee Pillar of Character" award, 2012
- Florida *Super Lawyers*, 2017-19
- Florida *Rising Stars*, 2009-11
- "Florida Rural Legal Services" award for Leadership & Dedication, 2009
- Charles W. Froessel Moot Court Competition, Co-Author, 2000
- Morris Orland Moot Court Award, 2000
- NYLS Moot Court Association, Executive Board, 2000-01
- Charles W. Froessel Moot Court Competition, Finalist, 1999

Publications & Presentations

- "Recent Trends in Undue Influence," Paralegal Association of Florida, Inc., presenter, July 12, 2019

- “In the Business of Licensing Patents? Creative Deal Structuring May Be Required,” *Boardroom Brief*, November 2015
- “Recent Trends in Probate and Trust Litigation,” Probate and Pumpnickel Series hosted by Palm Beach Atlantic University, presenter, May 2013
- “Tech Tales: Making Technology Work for You in Your Law Practice,” Florida Association of Women Lawyers, Martin County Chapter, presenter, March 2013

Professional Associations & Memberships

- American Bar Association (ABA)
 - Florida Delegate to the House of Delegates, appointed by The Florida Bar, 2018-present
 - Intellectual Property Committee, 2013-present
- Legal Aid Society of Martin County, Board Member, 2017-present
- Florida Bar
 - Federal Court Practice Committee, appointed position, 2013-19
 - Annual Convention Committee, 2017-19
 - Intellectual Property Section, 2015-present
 - Appellate Practice Committee, 2015-present
- The Library Foundation of Martin County
 - Board of Directors, 2022-present
- Florida Association of Women Lawyers, Martin County Chapter, 2009-present
 - Board Member, 2009-present
 - President, 2014-16
 - Vice President, 2013-14
- Fourth District Court of Appeal Historical Society
 - Vice President, 2010-present
- LEADERShip Martin County Program, Class 32
- Martin County Bar Association
 - Trial Lawyers Committee
 - Chair, 2020-21
 - Immediate past President, 2013-14
 - President, 2011-12
 - Vice President, 2010-11
 - Treasurer, 2009-10
 - Secretary, 2008-09
 - Scholarship Committee
 - Chair, 2013-14
 - Judicial Relations Committee
 - Chair, 2017-19
 - Chair, 2014-15

- Co-chair, 2013-14
- Social Committee
 - Chair, 2007-08
- Young Lawyers Division
 - Co-Chair 2007-08
- Canoe Trip Committee
 - Chair, 2002-15
- The Federalist Society, 2010-present
- St. Lucie County Bar Association, 2015
- Indian River County Bar Association, 2015
- Justice Major B. Harding American Inns of Court, 2004-present
 - President, 2019-present
 - Vice-President, 2018-19
 - Secretary, 2013-present
 - Executive Board, 2010-present
- International Trademark Association, 2015-present

Civic & Community Service

- Leadership Martin County, Class of 2023
- The Council on Aging of Martin County, Board of Directors, 2020-present
- Molly's House, Board Member, 2014-19
- Martin County Singing With The Stars, Star, 2017
- Martin County Chamber of Commerce
- M.E.'s Team Foundation Charity Shoot, 2010-17
- Veteran's Association of America Charity Shoot, 2010-16
- Treasured Lands Foundation Charity Shoot: Aiming to Protect, 2010
- Treasure Coast Friends of NRA
 - President, 2019
 - Vice President, 2013-18
 - Secretary/Treasurer, 2010-12
- American Red Cross, Martin County Chapter, Board Member, 2010-12