



## Saba F. Syed

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### Practice Areas

Litigation

Creditors' Rights

Real Estate

Appeals

### Education

J.D., *cum laude*, Baylor Law School, 2013

B.A., *magna cum laude*, University of Texas at Austin, 2009

### Admissions

State Bar of Texas

United States District Court for the Northern, Southern, Eastern and Western Districts of Texas

United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

*Saba Syed understands the value of meaningful and efficient discourse with clients, courts, and opposing counsel. She focuses on getting a "win" for clients by evaluating their specific needs and goals and looking for creative solutions to avoid litigation. When litigation is unavoidable, Saba uses her extensive and varied experience to get the best results for her clients.*

Saba Syed is a litigator who represents companies and high-net-worth individuals in complex commercial litigation matters in a variety of practice areas, including securities, business torts, patent and trademark disputes, partnership disputes, and real estate litigation. Recognized by her peers, Saba was named to *D Magazine's* "Best Lawyers Under 40 in Dallas" list for 2021 and 2022 and to the *The Best Lawyers in America's* "Ones to Watch" list for 2021 and 2022.

Saba is experienced in a variety of arbitration venues, including the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA), and has represented consumers and financial advisors in financial disputes. She also works with clients in the live events and hospitality industries, assisting with trademark issues and providing industry-specific legal counsel.

Active in the legal community, Saba is a frequent CLE presenter, a member of the board of directors for the Dallas Association of Young Lawyers, and was awarded the Dallas Bar Association's "Outstanding Minority Attorney Award" in 2019.

### Representative Matters

- Secured the dismissal of a \$27 million premises liability dispute on behalf of Dallas-area nightclub investors, including a retired professional athlete.
- Won a take-nothing jury verdict in favor of a Texas-based manufacturer of award winning downhole sand and gas separation products in a week-long patent infringement lawsuit involving downhole tube separators.
- Served as lead associate for trial team in obtaining take-nothing defense verdict in a federal jury trial on behalf of international grain exporter on claim of fraudulent inducement. The jury returned the take-nothing defense verdict in less than 10 minutes of deliberation.
- Secured a judgment exceeding \$24 million on behalf of an elderly individual investor against a financial advisor in a Ponzi-scheme dispute.
- Defeated a \$4.7 million lost profits claim on summary judgment against an electric delivery provider in a negligence and gross negligence dispute.
- Secured a take-nothing summary judgment against a \$3 million age discrimination claim filed by a high-level sales director against a manufacturer for prefabricated construction solutions in age-discrimination lawsuit, later affirmed by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit.
- Obtained summary judgment in favor of commercial landlord real estate investment trust in acceleration of lease case, successfully defending summary judgment on appeal.

- Obtained summary judgment at oral argument in favor of national hair restoration company, resulting in complete dismissal of Deceptive Trade Practices Act claims.
- Obtained turnover order and defended turnover order at oral argument on appeal.
- Successfully represented publicly traded real estate investment trust in bad faith security deposit retention claim, resulting in full dismissal of lawsuit.
- Obtained favorable settlement for vehicle supplier involving Texas Uniform Fraudulent Transfer Act, after obtaining several favorable rulings at pre-trial oral argument hearings.
- Secured favorable settlement in contentious will contest dispute.
- Served as lead counsel for dozens of garnishments across Texas and successfully defended garnishments at oral argument in motions to dissolve writ of garnishment hearings. One garnishment resulted in the full satisfaction of a judgment exceeding \$500,000.

### Noteworthy

- Named to *D Magazine's* "Best Lawyers Under 40 in Dallas" List, 2021 and 2022
- Named to *The Best Lawyers in America*® "Ones to Watch" List, 2021 and 2022
- Selected by attorney peers as a Texas Rising Star®, *Thomson Reuters*, 2020 and 2022
- Texas Bar Foundation, Fellow
- 2019 Outstanding Minority Attorney Award by the Dallas Bar Association
- 2017 Leadership Council on Legal Diversity, Pathfinders Program
- Named a "Top Attorney" in 2014 and 2015 by Fort Worth, Texas magazine
- Civil Rights and Liberties Moot Court Competition (2012) - Champion and Best Brief
- Order of the Barristers
- Baylor Law Review, *Executive Editor*

### Activities & Memberships

- The Higginbotham Inn of Court, Barrister
- State Bar of Texas Asian Pacific Interest Section
  - Secretary (2020-2021)
  - Treasurer (2021-2022)
- Dallas Bar Association (DBA) Continuing Legal Education Committee
  - Vice Co-Chair (2020)
  - Co-Chair (2021)
  - Committee Awarded the 2020 Jo Anna Moreland Outstanding Committee Chair Award by the DBA
- Dallas Association of Young Lawyers' 2020 Leadership Class
  - Board of Directors (2021)
  - 2020 Leadership Class
  - Judiciary Committee, Co-Chair
    - Awarded 2020 "Outstanding Committee Award."
  - Environmental Committee, Member
- Texas Bar Foundation, Fellow

- Legal Council on Legal Diversity, Mentor (2019)
- Meetings Professional International, DFW Chapter, Member
- Baylor Alumni Association, Member

### **Publications**

- "An Unprecedented Year in Review: Unpacking Coronavirus Relief Efforts," *Texas Lawyer*, March 29, 2021.
- "Keeping Businesses Afloat: An Overview of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021," January 25, 2021.
- "The Effect of COVID-19 on Existing Litigation," May 20, 2020.
- "Can the Practice of Law Make Us Wise?" *Dallas Bar Association Headnotes*, October 2019.
- "Top Five Lessons from My First Jury Trial," *ABA Section of Litigation, Real Estate, Condemnation and Trust Litigation*, April 2019.
- "Tips to Ensure the Acceleration Clause in Your Lease is Enforceable," *The Journal of Real Estate, Condemnation, and Trust Litigation*, ABA Section of Litigation, January 2017.

### **Presentations**

- 2022: "Cybersecurity Attack 101 - Prevention Tools and Crisis Management," Dallas Bar Association, January 21, 2022.
- 2021: "Fighting Human Trafficking Through Civil, Criminal, and Civic Action," Dallas Bar Association, November 19, 2021.
- 2021: "Voting in Texas During the Pandemic and Beyond," State Bar of Texas Asian Pacific Interest Section, April 27, 2021.
- 2020: "Diversity Leads: The Role of Intersectionality in DE&I Efforts in the Legal Profession," American Bar Association Litigation Section, December 15, 2020.
- 2020: "Spotting the Red Flags: How to Protect Your Company from PPP Fraud Prosecution," Dallas Bar Association, December 9, 2020.
- 2020: "Legal Issues Impacting the Live Event and Entertainment Industries in the Wake of COVID-19," State Bar of Texas Annual Meeting, Dallas Bar Association and Tarrant County Young Lawyers Association.
- 2020: "Ending Rambo Litigation - Embracing an Age of Civility," Dallas Association of Young Lawyers, January 15, 2020.
- 2019: "Young Lawyer's Guide to Speaking and Listening Across Gender Lines," Tarrant County Young Lawyers, March 19, 2019.
- 2019: "Speaking and Listening Across Gender Lines," Baylor Law School, December 4, 2019.
- 2018: "Speaking and Listening Across Gender Lines," Asian Pacific Interest Section of the State Bar of Texas Annual Conference, April 27, 2018.