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Sri Srinivasan is a partner in O'Melveny's Washington, DC office, and his focus is on appellate and complex litigation.

Sri has argued 17 cases before the US Supreme Court, including five cases in the past two Terms. He has also briefed numerous additional cases in the Supreme Court and the lower federal courts on a broad array of legal and constitutional issues. Sri's arguments in the Supreme Court have encompassed such areas as federal preemption, federal court jurisdiction, banking law, federal contracting law, administrative law, criminal law and procedure, immigration law, and education law. In addition to his work in the Supreme Court, Sri is presently involved in a number of matters in federal and state court addressing a wide variety of subjects, including patent and intellectual property law, antitrust law, labor law, First Amendment law, federal preemption, and tax law. Sri also maintains an active pro bono practice.

Among the recent cases Sri has successfully argued before the Supreme Court are four significant cases for business interests: *Hertz Corp. v. Friend* and *Skilling v. US* in the 2009 Term; *Watters v. Wachovia Bank, N.A.* in the 2007 Term; and *Wachovia Bank, N.A. v. Schmidt* in the 2006 Term. In *Skilling*, Sri prevailed in arguing that the federal statute prohibiting "honest services" fraud has been applied in an unduly expansive manner. In *Hertz*, Sri achieved a 9-0 victory in a case that addressed the question of what standards should apply in determining a company's principal place of business for purposes of diversity jurisdiction. In *Watters*, hailed by the Comptroller of the Currency as a landmark

victory for the national banking system, the Supreme Court held that state regulation of operating subsidiaries of national banks is preempted by the National Banking Act. *Schmidt* concerned whether, for purposes of diversity jurisdiction, national banks are citizens solely of the State in which their main office is located or instead are citizens of every State in which they maintain a branch location.

Sri is a lecturer at Harvard Law School, where he co-teaches a course on Supreme Court and appellate advocacy. He has published articles on various subjects including the Supreme Court's approach in cases involving business interests. He is also a frequent speaker on matters such as appellate advocacy and federal preemption, including at the ABA Section of Litigation Annual Conference.

Sri has received numerous awards and recognitions. In 2008, *The National Law Journal* named Sri one of the "50 Most Influential Minority Lawyers in America." He has been named by *Chambers USA*, *Legal 500*, and *The Best Lawyers in America* as a leading practitioner in the appellate area. He has also been named "Litigator of the Week" by *The American Lawyer*. In 2009, Sri received the North American South Asian Bar Association's (NASABA) annual "Cornerstone Award," given to individuals who "best exemplify through their legal work the objectives of NASABA," and the South Asian Bar Association of Connecticut's (SABAC) Distinguished Legal Professional Award, which recognizes "exemplary professional accomplishments and contributions to the South Asian legal community as a whole." Sri is also a member of NASABA's National Advisory Council.

Before returning to O'Melveny in 2007, Sri was in the Office of the Solicitor General for a period of five years. While with the Solicitor General's office, Sri received two awards for his government service—the Attorney General's Award for Excellence in Furthering the Interests of U.S. National Security in 2003 and the Office of the Secretary of Defense, Award for Excellence in 2005.

Sri is the Hiring Partner for O'Melveny's Washington, DC, office.

Professional Activities

Law Clerk, Honorable Sandra Day O'Connor, US Supreme Court; Honorable J. Harvie Wilkinson III, US Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit

Bristow Fellow, Office of the Solicitor General

Member, Board of Visitors, Stanford Law School; National Advisory Council, North American South Asian Bar Association (NASABA)

professional focus

Appellate

education

Stanford Law School, J.D., 1995:
Associate Editor, *Stanford Law Review*, 1992-93; Note Editor, 1993-94; Order of the Coif; Graduated with Distinction

Stanford Business School, M.B.A., 1995

Stanford University, A.B., 1989: with honors and distinction

admitted

District of Columbia; California

publications

O'Melveny & Myers LLP Secures Victory in *Skilling v. United States*: Supreme Court Cabins Scope of "Honest Services" Statute (Appellate Practice Alert)

O'Melveny Secures Unanimous US Supreme Court Victory for Hertz; Court Adopts "Nerve Center" Test for Corporate Citizenship (Appellate Practice Alert)