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Sagar has extensive litigation experience, including construction and energy disputes, insider trading investigations by the DOJ and SEC, and securing jury trial verdicts and notable arbitration outcomes.

OVERVIEW

Sagar represents plaintiffs and defendants at all stages of litigation in state and federal courts, as well as in domestic and international arbitrations.

Sagar's clients range from owners, contractors, insurance companies, executives, and multinational corporations. He utilizes a strategic approach and a thorough understanding of complex legal issues, striving for outcomes without the need for prolonged litigation.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- Co-lead counsel in a confidential arbitration under the American Fats and Oils Association rules regarding the purchase and sale of renewable feedstock.
- Represented an owner of an LNG facility in litigation regarding liquidated damages, contractor delays, and asserted change orders.
- Obtained a defense verdict in a federal court jury trial in favor of AmGUARD Insurance Company against claims of breach of policy and alleged violations of the Texas Insurance Code.
- Lead counsel defending a former executive against parallel DOJ and SEC investigations into insider trading allegations. Following preliminary discovery, the DOJ and SEC declined to prosecute or bring an enforcement action against the client.
- Lead counsel defending a former executive against a suit by a former employer for claims including breach of non-disparagement clause, defamation, and business disparagement.
- Lead counsel defending an individual against a suit filed in federal court by a former employer for claims including breach of a confidentiality agreement, misappropriation of trade secrets, breach of fiduciary duty, unfair trade practices, and conspiracy.
- Second chair representing the buyer of a company in an indemnity dispute arising out of an asset purchase agreement. At the close of a three-day jury trial, the jury unanimously awarded the client 100 percent of the damages and attorneys' fees.
- Obtained a summary judgment in favor of the client insurer in a bad faith coverage and indemnity lawsuit in

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federal court.

- Represented insurers in coverage matters involving UIM coverage, CGL coverage, and D&O coverage.
- Defended an international cookie café franchisor in an ICC arbitration against claims from a multinational confectionary brand licensor relating to Middle East franchises. Following the final hearing, a three-member tribunal awarded the claimant no (or zero) damages or fees.
- Represented an EPC contractor in an international arbitration dispute regarding a renovation and restoration project of an offshore production platform and a pipeline connecting to a liquefied natural gas plant in Angola.
- Represented a construction subcontractor in a lawsuit against a general contractor and owner of a crude oil refinery in south Texas.
- Defended a pile driving equipment supplier and its CEO in federal court against claims of trademark infringement, unfair competition, and tortious interference brought by an industry competitor seeking damages and a permanent injunction.
- Defended an energy pipeline services company against indemnity, fraud, and breach of fiduciary duty allegations brought by the former CEO.
- Defended a private equity company and its CEO against employment agreement, fraud, and fiduciary duty allegations brought by the former CEO of a portfolio company.
- Defended a payment technology services company against claims of breach of license agreement and misappropriation of trade secrets.

AWARDS

- *The Best Lawyers in America*® Ones to Watch, Alternative Dispute Resolution, Commercial Litigation and Litigation – Construction (2022-2023), Corporate Law (2025)
- *Super Lawyers*® Texas, Rising Star, Civil Litigation: Defense (2021-2024)

TOP AREAS OF FOCUS

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EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

EDUCATION

- University of Houston Law Center, J.D., 2013, senior articles editor, *Houston Law Review*; Board 50; moot court team; associate board member, The Advocates; Order of the Barons
- The University of Texas at Dallas, B.A., *cum laude*, 2010

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Texas

LANGUAGES

- Gujarati

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Speaker, "Where Am I and Who Am I Talking To; Practice Pointers on Arbitration and Choice of Law," 2026 IADC Contracts & Risk Management Conference, October 6, 2026.
- Moderator, "Ethics in International Arbitration," Troutman Pepper Locke International Arbitration Forum, May 15, 2025.
- Speaker, "Contracting for Litigation," Locke Lord Litigation Breakfast Briefing, October 2, 2024.
- Speaker, "Playing by the Rules," South Asian Bar Association of Houston's Virtual CLE, February 4, 2021.