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Sushila Chanana, a high-stakes technology litigator, co-leads Farella Braun + Martel's Platforms Initiative and Privacy and Cybersecurity Practice.

She represents companies in general business litigation and IP matters, including trademark, copyright, trade secrets, patent, and privacy disputes. Sushila also advises companies on rapidly evolving areas of law, including data scraping, brand protection, data monetization, and anti-hacking. Her clients, which range from startups to Fortune 100 companies, routinely rely on her advocacy at both the trial and appellate levels. While she is prepared to take a case through trial, Sushila aggressively works to help clients resolve cases early on. Sushila has also represented amici curiae in various U.S. Supreme Court cases.

Additionally, Sushila counsels companies on compliance with data privacy laws, including the California Consumer Privacy Act (CCPA), the California Privacy Rights Act (CPRA), the California Invasion of Privacy Act (CIPA), and the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). She is routinely invited to speak at conferences on these topics – and others, including AI.

Sushila has served as pro bono counsel for indigent clients in asylum and domestic violence matters.

Prior to embarking on a legal career, she was a cybersecurity consultant at PricewaterhouseCoopers. She served as a U.S. Supreme Court Legal News Correspondent in Washington, D.C.

Memberships and Affiliations

- Member, Executive Committee, Cybersecurity and Privacy Section, Bar Association of San Francisco (2022-present)
- 2020 Leadership Council on Legal Diversity (LCLD) Fellow

Publications

June 1, 2024

7 Ways Companies and Content Creators Can Navigate Copyright Law for a Successful Partnership
The Intellectual Property Strategist

April 15, 2024

Copyright Law for Influencers and Brands: How Content Creators and Companies Hiring Them Can Navigate Copyright Law for a Successful Partnership

March 6, 2024

California AI Proposal Rethinks Consumer Scope and Recordkeeping
Bloomberg Law

December 15, 2023

Thomson Reuters v. Ross Intelligence: AI Copyright Law and Fair Use on Trial

Services

- Business Litigation
- Copyright
- Data Analytics
- Intellectual Property
- Internet Law
- Privacy and Cybersecurity
- Technology
- Trade Secrets Litigation
- Trademark Counseling + Litigation

Education

- University of California College of the Law, San Francisco (formerly UC Hastings) (J.D.)
 - seniors articles editor, Hastings Law Journal; articles editor, Hastings Business Law Journal.
- University of California, Berkeley (B.A.)
 - Cognitive Science

Bar Admissions

- California
- District of Columbia

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court (N.D. Cal.)
- U.S. District Court (S.D. Cal.)
- U.S. District Court (E.D. Cal.)
- U.S. District Court (E.D. Texas)
- U.S. District Court (N.D. Texas)
- Federal Circuit Court of Appeals
- U.S. District Court (W.D. Texas)
- 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals

The Recorder

December 7, 2023

California Proposes New AI & Automated Decision-Making Technology Regulations

Privacy Blog

November 10, 2023

Fair Use Question Goes to Trial in AI Copyright Lawsuit – Thomson Reuters v. Ross Intelligence

July 20, 2023

Enforcement of CPRA Regulations Delayed

Privacy Blog

July 13, 2023

Top 5 Privacy Cases To Watch, From Chatbots to Geolocation

Law360

February 3, 2023

California Attorney General Announces Enforcement Sweep of Mobile Applications

Privacy Blog

April 26, 2022

hiQ's Groundbreaking Injunction Against LinkedIn Reaffirmed: Scraping of Publicly Available Data Likely Does Not Violate CFAA

December 1, 2020

Arbitration Agreements in Privacy Disputes: The Wyze Decision and the CCPA

December 1, 2020

Undergoing Bankruptcy Proceedings? Here's How to Make Sure PII Maintains Its Value

Legaltech News

November 5, 2020

Privacy During Bankruptcy Proceedings: Why It Matters

October 22, 2020

Insights Into the First Patent Trial in Waco, Texas - MV3 Partners v. Roku

October 22, 2020

The CCPA and Nonprofits_ Privacy and IP Hot Topics

Nonprofit Education Series

June 23, 2020

Overview of the New Privacy Litigation Frontier, Including California Consumer Privacy Act (CCPA) Litigation

Cannabis Industry Education Series

May 29, 2020

Zoom Successfully Addresses New York's Privacy and Security Concerns

May 27, 2020

A Roadmap to Litigating Privacy Claims? A Look at a Recent Order From the Google Assistant Privacy Litigation

April 9, 2020

Zoom & Schools: New Privacy Issues Arise

April 7, 2020

New CCPA Lawsuit Against Zoom: Issues to Watch

March 26, 2020

Litigation Management Checklist in the Time of COVID-19

February 20, 2020

Time to Check Your Cyber Insurance

TAG Cyber Law Journal

November 22, 2019

Is your company covered by California's new privacy law?

North Bay Business Journal