



Sonul Rao

SENIOR ASSOCIATE

Sony has successfully defended clients in trials, arbitrations, and mediations in a wide range of complex litigation across multiple jurisdictions.



Practices

Complex Litigation
— Appellate
— Commercial
Product Liability & Mass Torts
Environmental

Education

University of Chicago Law School, JD, 2016
Duke University, BA, summa cum laude, 2013

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She has helped file procedural motions to challenge the admissibility of causation evidence, assessed toxicology exposure assessments, and analyzed companies' historical factual development to create defense strategies for ongoing litigation. Sony has taken depositions of plaintiffs and other fact witnesses and has sharpened her writing skills by drafting dispositive motions and effective client communications.

Sony is committed to pro bono legal work and has worked on matters involving civil rights, immigration law, and constitutional law issues.

Client Work

- Drafted and argued a successful motion for summary judgment in a breach of contract action for a commercial lease
- Successfully helped defend an arbitration against a logistics company by invoking a force majeure clause
- Successfully helped secure asylum and permanent resident status for a pro bono client

Previous Work

- Hon. Cheryl Pollak, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York, Law Clerk (2016-2017)

Presentations, Publications & Recognitions

Recognitions

- Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch, *Best Lawyers* (2024 & 2025)

Bar Admissions

[District of Columbia](#)

[New York](#)

Court Admissions

[US District Court, Eastern District of New York](#)

[US District Court, Southern District of New York](#)

[US District Court, Western District of New York](#)

[US Court of Appeals, 2nd Circuit](#)

[US Court of Appeals, 9th Circuit](#)