



Adeel A. Mangi

Partner

Adeel Mangi is a litigator with extensive experience trying “bet the company” and high-stakes cases to judges and juries in state and federal courts around the country. *Benchmark Litigation* named Mr. Mangi to its 2024 and 2023 lists of the “Top 100 Trial Lawyers” in the U.S., which consists of “partners who have been venerated by peers and clients as being the best in breed at the nuanced practice of trial law . . . based on an intensive peer-and-client review.” Mr. Mangi recently secured the largest jury verdict in the history of the Virginia court system with a \$2 billion verdict after a seven-week jury trial in a case involving theft of trade secrets in the software industry. Mr. Mangi also secured the largest settlement with New York state in history in cases involving the death of a state prison inmate on the morning of closing arguments after a two-and-a-half week jury trial in the Southern District of New York. Mr. Mangi has represented other clients in a variety of industries in state and federal courts around the country across a range of subject matters including commercial contracts, false advertising, and consumer protection statutes.

Benchmark Litigation also named Mr. Mangi as a 2024 and 2023 Litigation Star and has noted that peers describe Mr. Mangi as “meticulous and relentless,” and “an unflappable whiz at everything he does.” *Benchmark* awarded its “Impact Case of the Year” recognition for 2023 to Mr. Mangi and his team. In 2023, Mr. Mangi was also named to *The National Law Journal’s* General Litigation Trailblazers list. In 2022, he was featured in *The American Lawyer’s* ‘Litigators of the Week’ section in connection with a jury trial verdict. He has also been highlighted repeatedly, including in 2022, as a “Client Service All-Star” by The BTI Consulting Group. This award recognizes attorneys who “stand above all the others in delivering the absolute best in client service.”

Earlier, Mr. Mangi was named a “Future Star” for the years 2017-2022 by *Benchmark Litigation*. From 2016-2018 Mr. Mangi was also named to *Benchmark’s* “40 & Under Hot List.” The list recognizes “the achievements of the nation’s most accomplished legal partners” ages 40 and under. Mr. Mangi was previously named a “2014 Rising Star” by the *New York Law Journal*, which recognizes the most promising lawyers under the age of 40 who have demonstrated that they are top contributors to the practice of law and their communities; a “Rising Star” by the Minority Corporate Counsel Association’s *Diversity & the Bar* magazine, which selected 12 up-and-coming attorneys for 2014; and as one of the National Asian and Pacific American Bar Association’s “Best Lawyers Under 40” for 2014. Mr. Mangi is also a 2013 graduate of the Microsoft Litigation Group’s highly prestigious Trial Advocacy Academy.

Mr. Mangi has also litigated numerous high-profile civil rights cases. These included some of the most closely watched religious freedom cases of the Trump era, which involved two different Muslim communities denied permission to build mosques in Bernards Township and Bayonne. These lawsuits were the subject of seven editorials in New Jersey’s largest newspaper and were covered extensively in the national press. Both cases eventually resulted in settlements under which the mosques were approved and the municipalities involved paid significant compensation to the affected Islamic groups. Mr. Mangi also tried a lawsuit in 2020 involving the death of a mentally ill African-American inmate who was alleged to have been

killed by white prison guards in a retaliatory beating. The resulting landmark settlement included an unprecedented provision requiring New York to install a comprehensive network of video recording cameras and microphones throughout the Sullivan Correctional Facility. Mr. Mangi has filed a series of amicus briefs on behalf of a coalition of cross-faith religious groups on issues including DACA, the border wall, and on LGBTQ+ civil rights issues. Between 2017 and 2019, based upon work pioneered and led by Mr. Mangi, Patterson Belknap was awarded the "Outstanding Service Award" by the Alliance of Families for Justice; the "Legal Leadership Award" by the American Civil Liberties Union—New Jersey; the "Champions of Justice" award by the Muslim Bar Association of New York; the "Religious Liberty Award" (2018) and the "Landmark" litigation award (2017) by the New Jersey Muslim Lawyers Association; and the Trailblazer Award by the South Asian Bar Association of New Jersey. Mr. Mangi was also declared Pro Bono Attorney of the Year by the South Asian Bar Association of New York. Also in 2017, Mr. Mangi Chaired the Federal Bar Council's annual Law Day Dinner celebrating the Rule of Law before some 850 attorneys and federal judges.

Mr. Mangi joined the firm in 2000 upon his graduation from Harvard Law School with an LL.M. Mr. Mangi was at Harvard as a Kennedy Memorial Scholar. Prior to that time, Mr. Mangi qualified as a British Barrister at Law as a Member of the Honorable Society of Lincoln's Inn, during which time his two-person team won the National Bar Providers Moot Court Competition. Mr. Mangi also holds a First Class Degree in Law from the University of Oxford (Pembroke College), where he held the Roger Bannister Scholarship for Academics and Sports and Domus scholarships. Mr. Mangi's two-person team was also the winner of the Oxford University Inner Temple Moot Court Competition.

Mr. Mangi serves on the Advisory Board of the Alliance of Families for Justice, which advocates on behalf of incarcerated individuals and their families. Mr. Mangi previously served on a variety of additional boards, including the Boards of Directors of the Muslim Bar Association of New York, the Legal Aid Society of New York, and Muslims for Progressive Values. He also served multiple terms as an ally Board Member for the National LGBT Bar Association.

Admissions

- U.S. Supreme Court
- U.S. Court of Appeals, First Circuit; Second Circuit; Third Circuit; Fourth Circuit; Eighth Circuit; Ninth Circuit; Federal Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Southern, Eastern and Northern Districts of New York; District of New Jersey
- New York
- New Jersey

Languages

- Urdu
- Hindi (spoken)
- Sindhi (spoken)

Education

- Harvard Law School (LL.M., 2000)
- Lincoln's Inn (Barrister at Law, 1999)
- University of Oxford (BA/Law, *with honors*, 1998)

Awards & Media

Mr. Mangi has been recognized by a number of legal publications and associations as a leading contributor to the practice of law and his community.

- Mr. Mangi was named to *Benchmark Litigation's* 2024 and 2023 "[Top 100 Trial Lawyers](#)," an exclusive list of the top trial lawyers in the United States.
- "Litigation Star"- Euromoney Institutional Investor PLC's *Benchmark Litigation* (2024 and 2023). The publication recognizes the top litigation attorneys based on an intensive peer-and-client review.
- Mr. Mangi was named a 2023 National Law Journal General Litigation Trailblazer.
- Mr. Mangi was recognized with *Benchmark Litigation's* 2023 "[Impact Case of the Year](#)" award.
- Mr. Mangi was featured in *The American Lawyer's* '[Litigators of the Week](#)' (March 13, 2022).
- "[Client Service All-Star](#)" – The BTI Consulting Group (2020 and 2022). This award recognizes attorneys who "stand above all the others in delivering the absolute best in client service."
- "[InsiderNJ's Muslim Power and Influence List in Honor of Ramadan](#)" – In April 2020, Mr. Mangi was named one of InsiderNJ's Top 50 Most Influential New Jersey Muslims in Academia, Business, Government, Law, Law Enforcement, Non Profit, Politics, Religion & Social Justice.
- Patterson Belknap received five awards in 2017 and 2018 based upon work pioneered and led by Mr. Mangi: the "Legal Leadership Award" by the American Civil Liberties Union—New Jersey; the Muslim Bar Association of New York's "Champions of Justice Award," the New Jersey Muslim Lawyers Association's 2018 "Religious Liberty Award" and 2017 "Landmark Litigation Award," and the South Asian Bar Association of New Jersey's "Trailblazer Award."
- Also in 2017, Mr. Mangi received the South Asian Bar Association of New York's "Pro Bono Attorney of the Year" award.
- Mr. Mangi was recently featured in The National LGBT Bar Association's Ally Initiative membership spotlight. To read the article, please [click here](#).
- "[Future Star](#)" – Euromoney Institutional Investor PLC's *Benchmark Litigation* (2017-2020). The publication recognizes lawyers "seen as on the cusp of established stardom by the market, [who] play a vital role in illustrating a firm's bench strength and its generational succession plan."
- "[Hot List](#)" – *Benchmark Litigation* (2016, 2017 and 2018). The list recognizes "the achievements of the nation's most accomplished legal partners" ages 40 and under. According to the publication, "[t]hrough a process of peer review and case examination, this list has been compiled over a process of many months to assemble this collection of young, up-and-coming attorneys.
- "[Rising Star](#)" – *New York Law Journal* (2014). The publication recognizes the most promising lawyers under the age of 40 who have demonstrated that they are top contributors to the practice of law and their communities. The publication notes that these lawyers "represent the next generation of dynamic, intelligent and civic minded New York bar leaders."
- "[Rising Star](#)" – Minority Corporate Counsel Association's *Diversity & the Bar* magazine (2014). MCCA selected 12 up-and-coming attorneys for 2014. The publication notes these lawyers for their "immense talent and ability to rise to the occasion."
- "[Best Lawyers Under 40](#)" – National Asian and Pacific American Bar Association (2014). The organization selected 21 honorees from across the United States who "have achieved prominence and distinction in their respective fields while demonstrating a strong commitment to the community at relatively early stages in their careers."

Mr. Mangi's work includes cases of public importance that have been covered extensively in the media. Examples of recent coverage include:

- "[Benefits Co. Can't Escape J&J's Suit Over Patient Drug Fund](#)" (*Law360*, January 27, 2023)
- "[\\$2B Appian Trade Secrets Verdict OK'd With \\$23M Fees Added](#)" (*Law360*, September 20, 2022)
- "[Pegasystems' \\$2 Billion Appian Loss Harder to Cut Than Epic Case](#)" (*Bloomberg Law*, May 17, 2022)
- "[Litigators of the Week: Patterson Belknap Scores a \\$2 Billion Trade Software Secret Verdict in Virginia for Software Maker Appian](#)" (*The American Lawyer*, May 13, 2022)
- "[Appian's General Counsel on Suing Rival Pegasystems, Winning \\$2 Billion Verdict](#)" (*Law.com*, May 12, 2022)
- "[Our Spy': Corporate Espionage Case Ends in Whopping \\$2 Billion Verdict](#)" (*Law.com*, May 10, 2022)

- "[Appian soars after winning \\$2.04 bln verdict against Pegasystems](#)" (*Reuters*, May 10, 2022)
- "[J&J Sues Drug-Benefit Middleman Over Use of Drug-Cost Assistance Program](#)" (*The Wall Street Journal*, May 4, 2022)
- "[J&J Says Benefit Co. Bilked Millions From Patient Drug Fund](#)" (*Law360*, May 4, 2022)
- "[Karl Taylor Died in a New York Prison. Now the State Has Agreed to Pay Millions.](#)" (*The Marshall Project*, February 28, 2020)
- "[The Tragedy of Mental Illness in American Prisons](#)" (*The Atlantic*, November 27, 2018)
- "['We're going to stand up for ourselves': Why this lawyer sued two towns that denied mosques](#)" (NBC, March 12, 2018)
- "[N.J. Muslims win another one against the bigots](#)" (*Star-Ledger*, February 4, 2018)
- "[New Jersey city to settle lawsuit over denied mosque](#)" (NBC News, February 1, 2018)
- "[Settlement Eases the Way for Mosque in Bayonne](#)" (*The Wall Street Journal*, January 31, 2018)
- "[Bayonne settles lawsuit with Muslim group, clearing the way for mosque](#)" (*Jersey Journal*, January 31, 2018)
- "[Patterson Belknap Tackles Islamophobia In NJ Pro Bono Case](#)" (*Law360*, June 22, 2017)
- "[What these N.J. officials really owe Muslims is an apology](#)" (*Star-Ledger*, May 31, 2017)
- "[New Jersey Town to pay \\$3.25 million in lawsuit over mosque](#)" (CNN, May 30, 2017)
- "[Settlements with New Jersey Suburb Clear Way for Proposed Mosque](#)" (*The New York Times*, May 30, 2017)
- "[Justice Department Probing N.J. Town Over Mosque Denial as Another Town Settles](#)" (US News & World Report, May 30, 2017)
- "[New Jersey Muslim Group Sues over Rejection of mosque plan](#)" (CNN, May 27, 2017)
- "[Muslim Group Sues Bayonne Over Mosque Zoning Denial](#)" (*The Wall Street Journal*, May 25, 2017)
- "[Federal Judge Says N.J. Town Unconstitutionally Blocked Mosque](#)" (*The Wall Street Journal*, January 3, 2017)
- "[The Mosque Next Door: City Law vs. Houses of Faith](#)" (*The New York Times*, December 18, 2016)
- "[Federal Government Joins New Jersey Muslims in Fight Over Mosque Approval](#)" (*The Wall Street Journal*, December 7, 2016)
- "[Muslims Sue Over Denial of Bid to Build Mosque in New Jersey Suburb](#)" (*The New York Times*, March 11, 2016)
- "[Islamic Group Files Lawsuit Over Denied Mosque After Years-Long Planning Battle, Vandalism](#)" (NBC News, March 21, 2016)
- "[N.J. town is the face of bigotry after rejecting mosque](#)" (*Star-Ledger*, March 25, 2016)

Amicus Briefs

Mr. Mangi has worked on amicus briefs on various issues of national importance in recent years. These include:

- Amicus brief filed on behalf of cross-faith coalition of religious entities arguing for a restrictive construction of qualified immunity. (Click here to view brief filed in the [2nd Circuit](#)).
- Amicus brief filed on behalf of cross-faith coalition of religious entities arguing that plaintiffs subject to religious discrimination under the Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act should be permitted a monetary recovery against state officials. (Click here to view briefs filed in the [7th Circuit](#), [5th Circuit](#), [2nd Circuit](#), [9th Circuit](#), and [9th Circuit](#)).
- Amicus brief filed on behalf of cross-faith coalition of religious entities opposing the use of the state secrets privilege to defeat claims of religious minorities challenging unlawful government surveillance. (Click here to view brief filed in the [United States Supreme Court](#)).

- Amicus brief filed on behalf of cross-faith coalition of religious entities supporting the provision of a damages remedy under the Religious Freedom Restoration Act to persons discriminated against on the basis of religion. (Click to view brief filed in the [United States Supreme Court](#)).
- Amicus briefs filed on behalf of cross-faith coalitions of religious entities that opposed attempts to repeal DACA. (Click to view briefs filed in the [United States Supreme Court](#), [9th Circuit](#), [2nd Circuit](#), [Eastern District of New York](#), and [Eastern District of Texas](#)).
- Amicus brief Court filed on behalf of a coalition of Muslim groups that argued in favor of protecting the LGBTQ+ community from employment discrimination under Title VII. (Click to view brief filed in the [United States Supreme Court](#)).
- Amicus briefs filed on behalf of cross-faith coalitions of religious entities that opposed the federal government attempt to divert allocated funds to build a border wall. (Click to view briefs filed in the [9th Circuit](#), the [Northern District of California](#) and the [Western District of Texas](#)).
- Amicus brief filed on behalf of Muslim Bar Associations and Muslim Law Student Associations from around the country that opposed the federal government's travel ban. (Click to view briefs filed in the [United States Supreme Court](#) and post-remand in the [4th Circuit](#)).