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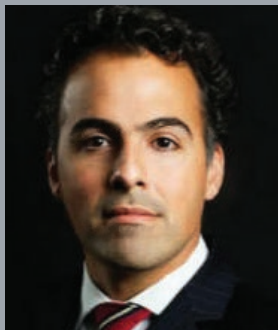
PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE

RISING STARS

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PRACTICE PROFILE: Sarmad Khojasteh is a leading commercial litigator representing major public and private companies, private equity and other investment firms, partnerships and high-net-worth individuals in complex commercial disputes, including securities and credit-related matters, commercial and contract disputes, corporate governance issues, and governmental investigations. His clients include MBIA, Florida MCB, and the Renco Group. He has been recognized on *Benchmark Litigation's* Under 40 Hot List and as a Rising Star by *Super Lawyers*.



LEADERSHIP, PRO BONO AND CIVIC WORK: Sarmad serves on the Board of Abraham House, the Board of Directors of the Legal Services of the Hudson Valley, the Housing Board and the Assessment Review Board for the Town of North Castle, and on the Board of the Iranian American Bar Association (N.Y. Chapter), acting as the Pro Bono Chair.

PRIOR EXPERIENCE:

Law clerk, Hon. Terrence W. Boyle, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of North Carolina, August 2008-August 2009

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WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE TO YOUNG LAWYERS?

My advice to young lawyers is to seek out professional mentors. For me, my ability to provide high-level strategic advice to my clients, to formulate persuasive, winning arguments to be presented in briefing or oral argument, or to lead a team of lawyers to a successful result in a trial is directly attributable to the time I've spent working with and learning from Marc Kasowitz and Daniel Benson, and the time I spent working with and learning from the Honorable Terrence W. Boyle.