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Areas of Practice & Industry Specialties
Insurance Law; Intellectual Property Law; Litigation; Appellate Law; Cybersecurity Law; Intellectual Property Litigation; Trade Secrets & Employee Mobility; Privacy & Data Security Law; Internet Law, E-Commerce & Social Media; Multi-Level Marketing; Professional Responsibility; Start-Ups & Early Stage Companies; Technology

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Zaven A. Sargsian has years of experience representing companies and individuals in complex litigation matters at both the trial and appellate level, in federal and state courts, with particular experience handling complex business disputes, misappropriation of trade secrets, receiverships, breach of contract, fraud and other business torts. Zaven also has experience litigating intellectual property claims, including copyright infringement. In addition, Zaven regularly represents clients in complex real estate litigation, including property-related contract disputes, lien priority, and enforcement of security interests. He also represents businesses that are denied coverage by insurers, and has represented business bringing bad faith claims, breach of the duty to defend and indemnify.

In addition to his litigation practice, Zaven advises clients regarding their data security and privacy obligations, copyright licensing and generative artificial intelligence issue, online business reputation and the Communications Decency Act section 230. He also serves as outside general counsel to startups, and advises and assists them in various matters, including terms of service, privacy, contracting with vendors and businesses, and cross-border transactions.

Zaven maintains a First Amendment practice. He is a cooperating attorney with the Electronic Frontier Foundation and has significant experience prosecuting and defending against defamation claims, including anti-SLAPP motions, as well as advising clients related to the Freedom of Information Act, and State open records acts.

Professional Involvement

- Board Member and Secretary of the Armenian Bar Association
- Appointed to Ethics and Discipline Committee of the Utah Supreme Court (2024-2026)
- Board Member, Utah Cyberlaw section
- Electronic Frontier Foundation Cooperating Attorney

Education
Mr. Sargsian earned his J.D. from the University of Utah, S.J. Quinney College of Law, with high honors. Mr. Sargsian obtained his B.S. in Finance and Political Science from the University of Utah.

Bar Admissions

- California
- Utah

Court Admissions

- California State Court
- Utah State Court
- United States District Court Central District of California
- United States District Court for the District of Utah
- United States Court of Appeals, Tenth Circuit
- Utah Supreme Court

Languages

- Armenian