



## Lukman Azeez

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Lukman is a trial and appellate litigator. He represents clients in commercial disputes, constitutional and civil rights law, and Supreme Court and appellate litigation. He litigates a wide array of commercial cases, ranging from contract, fraud, and misappropriation disputes to shareholder and derivative actions, and intellectual property and trademark disputes. He also represents clients in international litigations and arbitrations and litigates before courts and various administrative agencies.

Lukman has an active pro bono practice and has represented individuals seeking to stay their removal proceedings before the U.S. Courts of Appeals.

Lukman served as president of the Capital Area Muslim Bar Association from 2021 to 2022, and as Treasurer from 2020 to 2021. In 2023, he was elected to the District of Columbia Bar Board of Governors. He speaks or reads, with varying degrees of proficiency, English, French, Italian, and Yoruba, and frequently works with lawyers in foreign jurisdictions.

### Representative Matters

- Represents a Guinean-American company in international arbitration against global aluminum companies over bauxite loading and shipping rights.
- Represents one of the nation's largest Medicare contractors in litigation disputes before federal courts and various administrative agencies.
- Represented an energy company in a shareholder derivative action before the Delaware Court of Chancery.

### Practice Areas

Litigation  
Issues and Appeals  
White Collar Defense & Government Investigations  
Global Disputes  
Health Care

### Credentials

#### Education

J.D., Yale Law School  
M.B.A., Yale School of Management  
B.A., Highest Distinction, University of Michigan

#### Law Journals

Executive Editor, *Yale Journal of Law and Technology*  
Editor, *Yale Law and Policy Review*  
Editor, *Yale Journal on Regulation*

#### Clerkships

Law Clerk for the Honorable Evan J. Wallach, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit (2014-2016)

#### Bar and Court Memberships

District of Columbia Bar  
New York Bar  
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal, First, and Fourth Circuit  
U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia and District of Maryland

#### Languages

Yoruba  
French

Italian

- Represented an energy company in parallel arbitrations against an international energy company regarding exclusive licensing rights.
- Represented one of the nation's largest health insurers with respect to formulary development.
- Represented foreign sovereign in multidistrict litigation before the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York
- Represented large consulting firm on issues involving interpretations the Bankruptcy Code before a federal bankruptcy court, district court, court of appeals, and the U.S. Supreme Court.
- Represented individuals in U.S. Department of Justice criminal investigation involving price-fixing in the international freight shipping industry.

## Professional Experience

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- Associate, Private law practice (2016-2019)
- Law Clerk, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit (2014-2016)

## Affiliations

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- Member, District of Columbia Bar Board of Governors (2023)
- President (2021-2022) and Treasurer (2020-2021), Capital Area Muslim Bar Association
- Pathfinder, Leadership Council on Legal Diversity (LCLD) 2020

## Recognitions

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- Included in *The Best Lawyers in America* directory of "Ones to Watch" for Appellate Law (2022), Appellate Practice (2023-2024), Commercial Litigation (2023-2024), and Criminal Defense: White Collar (2023-2024)
- Included in *Benchmark Litigation* guide as a "Future Star" (2024)