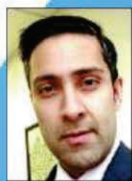




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2015 RISING STARS



Krishna also represented Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings in the nearly \$6.1 billion acquisition of Covance, creating the world's leading health care diagnostics company. He has worked on other acquisitions, agreements and partnerships with a variety of clients such as AT&T, Eastman Kodak, Highgate Hotels L.P. and Cablevision.

Pro Bono/Civic Activity

Krishna has participated in Sullivan & Cromwell's legal outreach mentor program and in Youth About Business, a nonprofit organization that provides leadership development programs for high school students.

He is a member of the board of South Asian Youth Action and is on the board of trustees at the American India Foundation, an organization that contributes to India's development.

Experience

Sullivan & Cromwell, 2006-present; Columbia University, adjunct professor, 2013-present

Education

J.D., Columbia Law School, 2002; A.B., Princeton University, 1999



Benjamin Voce-Gardner

Associate
Zuckerman Spaeder

"As lawyers, we're the gatekeepers to a system that most non-lawyers find to be very complex, confusing, intimidating, and often unfair. I enjoy helping people navigate that system."

Benjamin Voce-Gardner, an Iraq War veteran and a former officer in the U.S. Navy Judge Advocate General's Corps, joined Zuckerman Spaeder as an associate three years ago.

Benjamin has expertise in criminal, appellate and military law, as well as background in New York's federal and state courts. He has represented clients in a wide range of criminal matters, including financial fraud, narcotics trafficking, murder and receipt,

possession and distribution of child pornography.

He has both prosecuted and defended sexual assault cases in the Navy and has successfully litigated several criminal cases. When former Southern District Judge Barbara Jones, now a Zuckerman Spaeder partner, chaired the U.S. Department of Defense Response Panel and was tasked with investigating the military's handling of sexual assault, Benjamin played an instrumental role as a chief legal aide.

When deployed to Baghdad in 2008, Benjamin served as command judge advocate at the Joint Interrogation and Debriefing Center. He provided legal advice and oversight, and assisted in drafting U.S. policy regarding detention and interrogation. He also worked with American and Iraqi prosecutors to collect evidence for cases in Iraqi criminal courts.

Pro Bono/Civic Activity

Benjamin helped research and write an amicus brief to the U.S. Supreme Court in *Vance v. Ball State University* on behalf of the National Partnership for Women & Families.

Since leaving active military duty, he serves as a reservist and holds the rank of lieutenant commander. He is head of prosecution for his U.S. Navy Reserve Unit, Regional Legal Services Office Mid-Atlantic and is on-call to assist on military cases.

Benjamin, a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars, has a number of awards for distinction in military service, including a Joint Commendation Medal and Iraq Campaign Medal.

Experience

Zuckerman Spaeder, 2012-present; U.S. Navy, Judge Advocate General's Corps, Appellate Government Division, 2007-2012

Education

J.D., Boston College Law School, 2006; B.A., Connecticut College, 2002



Melissa Yang

Senior Associate
Rakower Lupkin

"The trust and confidence from my clients motivates me. It is an honor when clients choose me to be their

counselor, seeking my guidance and asking me to be their voice at a time when they are faced with a difficult issue or problem."

Melissa Yang, a senior associate at Rakower Lupkin, was the first attorney hired by the boutique firm since its launch in 2012.

Her practice areas cover antitrust, complex litigation, employee benefits, insurance and reinsurance defense, white-collar defense and U.S. Department of Justice and Security and Exchange Commission investigations. She researched and developed a client's ERISA claim, a complicated case that involved more than \$20 million in dispute, and successfully won in court over the production of otherwise privileged and critical documents.

Melissa is tapped for case strategizing, preparing clients for testimony, second-chairing non-jury trials, research and discovery, writing and analysis and communicating with opposing counsel.

She has taken the initiative in training the firm's paralegals and is facilitating the firm's transition to an e-discovery platform.

Pro Bono/Civic Activity

Working with The Innocence Project, Melissa drafted an amicus brief supporting the release of Erskine Johnson, who claimed to have been wrongfully convicted since 1983. As a result of the brief, the Court of Criminal Appeals of Tennessee said he was entitled to a retrial on newly discovered evidence. The state did not pursue a new trial and Johnson was released in 2012.

Melissa represented an indigent individual from Liberia who was extradited to the U.S. on conspiracy to import narcotics charges. Based on materials received through the Jencks Act, the U.S. government dropped the charges. She has also represented individuals seeking political asylum through The City Bar Justice Center.

Melissa serves on the New York State Pattern Jury Instructions Subcommittee of the Commercial and Federal Litigation Section of the New York State Bar Association.

Experience

Rakower Lupkin, senior associate, 2013-present; Willkie Farr & Gallagher, associate, 2009-2012

Education

J.D., George Washington University Law School, 2009; B.A., Binghamton University, 2005