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Archis A. Parasharami, a litigation partner in Mayer Brown's Washington DC office, is a co-chair of the firm's Class Actions practice and a member of the firm's Supreme Court & Appellate practice.

Archis routinely defends businesses in class action litigation in courts around the country, with a particular focus on strategy issues, multidistrict litigation, and critical motions seeking the dismissal of class actions or opposing class certification.

Archis frequently speaks on developments in the class action arena, and has been quoted on a number of occasions in the *National Law Journal*, *Corporate Counsel*, and the *Wall Street Journal*. He is a co-editor of [Class Defense](#), the firm's blog on key issues affecting class action law and policy.

Archis has received several awards recognizing his work on behalf of class action defendants. This year, *The National Law Journal* identified Archis as a "D.C. Rising Star," one of "40 game-changing lawyers age 40 and under." In 2013, Archis was selected by *Law360* as a "Rising Star" in the field of class action litigation—one of five lawyers to receive that recognition. He also was named by *The National Law Journal* in 2011 as one of the "Minority 40 Under 40."

Archis is one of the nation's leading lawyers both in drafting arbitration agreements—particularly in the consumer and employment contexts—and in litigating the enforceability of those agreements. Most notably, Archis was one of the Mayer Brown lawyers who represented AT&T Mobility in *AT&T Mobility LLC v. Concepcion*, in which the US Supreme Court held that the Federal Arbitration Act preempts state-law rules that would refuse to enforce arbitration agreements solely because they waive class actions. He was also one of the firm lawyers who represented the petitioner in *Kindred Nursing Centers, L.P. v. Clark*, in which the Supreme Court (by a 7-1 vote) held that the Federal Arbitration Act preempts a Kentucky rule that requires a power of attorney to expressly refer to arbitration agreements before an attorney-in-fact can bind her principal to an arbitration agreement.

Archis is a member of Mayer Brown's firm-wide Committee on Diversity and Inclusion. Archis also serves on the boards of the South Asian Bar Association of North America and the South Asian Bar Association of Washington, D.C. He joined Mayer Brown after clerking for Judge Leonard I. Garth of the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. Archis attended Princeton University and Harvard Law School.