



## PAWAN NELSON

### Associate

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**Pawan Nelson's legal practice focuses on complex commercial litigation at the trial and appellate levels. Prior to joining WTO, Pawan worked as a litigation associate at a large New York law firm, where his practice consisted of general commercial litigation for clients in the technology and financial industries.**

### EDUCATION

Columbia School of Law, J.D., 2009, Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar, *Columbia Law Review*, Senior Editor

Pace University School of Education, M.S., 2006

Harvard University, A.B., 2004, *cum laude*, Psychology

### GOVERNMENT SERVICE

Law Clerk to The Honorable Roslynn R. Mauskopf, E.D.N.Y

### OTHER EXPERIENCE

Cravath, Swaine & Moore LLP  
Litigation Associate  
Summer Associate

Faegre & Benson LLP, Summer Associate

Teach for America  
Teacher & Corps Member

### ADMISSIONS

Colorado  
New York

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Won affirmance for IBM in a \$6.1M municipal tax dispute that WTO also won at trial.
- Helped manage a portfolio of cases (tort and commercial arbitration) for a large shipping company across a multistate region. Took lead on depositions and hearings.
- Won a trial verdict for IBM as plaintiff in a \$6.1 million municipal tax dispute.
- Won a defense jury verdict in federal court for a Fortune 500 telecommunications client facing age discrimination and retaliation claims.
- Represented a large municipality in a case involving the condemnation and demolition of property. Managed the case and second-chaired a two-day jury trial in state court. Conducted the direct examination of a key employee and obtained a no-damages verdict.
- Represented a leading technology and computing company in two antitrust matters related to a key business line. Served as part of the discovery team, including document review and deposition preparation. Both matters resolved favorably before trial.
- Represented a leading credit card company in an antitrust case brought by the Department of Justice related to merchant fees. Served on the trial team throughout the six-week bench trial. Prepared lead trial counsel for examination of key DOJ merchant witness. Client lost at trial but ultimately prevailed on appeal to the Second Circuit Court of Appeals.

### PRACTICE AREAS

- Commercial Litigation
- Appellate
- Antitrust & Competition
- Employment

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## BIOGRAPHY

Pawan Nelson's legal practice focuses on complex commercial litigation at the trial and appellate levels. His experience includes taking and defending depositions and witness testimonies; drafting pleadings, motions, briefs, document requests, interrogatories, requests for admissions, and expert reports; and researching and drafting memoranda concerning various questions of law.

Prior to joining WTO, Pawan worked as a litigation associate at a large New York law firm, where his practice consisted of general commercial litigation for clients in the technology and financial industries.

Pawan graduated from Columbia University School of Law, where he served as senior editor of the *Columbia Law Review*. After law school, he served as a judicial law clerk for The Honorable Roslynn R. Mauskopf of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York.

## CASES

- *IBM Corp. v. City of Golden, et.al.* (Colo. App. 2020) - Won affirmance in the Colorado Court of Appeals for IBM Corp. of WTO's trial victory in a \$6.1 million municipal tax dispute.
- Helped manage a portfolio of cases (tort and commercial arbitration) for a large shipping company across a multistate region. Took lead on depositions and hearings.
- *IBM Corp. v. City of Golden, et al.* (Denver Cnty. Ct. 2018) - Won a trial verdict for IBM as plaintiff in a \$6.1 million tax dispute against the City of Golden involving sales and use taxes assessed over a seven-year span.
- Won a defense jury verdict in federal court for a Fortune 500 telecommunications client facing age discrimination and retaliation claims.
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## **BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS**

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U.S. District Court, D. Colorado

## **PERSONAL INTERESTS**

Martial arts, travel, and skiing