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Industries

- Restaurant, Food, & Beverage

Practices

- Franchise & Distribution
- Business Litigation
- International Development
- Global Privacy, Cybersecurity & Data Protection
- Investigations & White Collar Defense
- Intellectual Property Litigation

Education

- University of Minnesota Law School, J.D., 2010, *Minnesota Law Review*, managing research editor
- Carleton College, B.A., *cum laude*, 2005, Economics

Bar Admissions

- District of Columbia, 2011
- Virginia, 2010

Court Admissions

- U.S. Supreme Court, 2015
- U.S. District Court Central District of Illinois, 2012

"My holistic approach to litigation ensures that clients obtain not only a positive resolution, but also outcomes consistent with their business goals."

Maisa Frank represents clients in a variety of litigation matters. Whether conducting pre-dispute investigations, navigating litigation, or negotiating resolutions, Maisa's advice and strategy is vital to clients facing complex legal issues such as:

- **Commercial litigation**, including breaches of contract and business torts like fraud, misrepresentation, and interference with contract
- **Trademark infringement disputes**
- Enforcement of **noncompete agreements**
- **Investigations**, including conducting internal investigations and representing clients in government investigations
- **Foreign Corrupt Practices Act** compliance and advising

A dancer since the age of five, Maisa extends practice-honed precision to each aspect of her work. She prioritizes a relationship of trust with clients, often adopting roles as both legal and strategic adviser to alleviate the burden of ongoing litigation and allow clients to remain focused on their business goals. Maisa approaches each case with a panoramic perspective, acutely aware of the effect one action can have on a business's future.

Prior to joining GPM, Maisa served as a law clerk with the Volunteer Lawyers Network, where she worked on landlord-tenant disputes in the Hennepin County, Minnesota, Housing Court. She also served as an extern to the Honorable Joan N. Ericksen on the United States District Court for the District of Minnesota.

Honors / Activities

Professional Activities

- American Bar Association, Forum on Franchising, Diversity Caucus Steering Committee
- National Asian Pacific American Bar Association
- Asian Pacific American Bar Association Educational Fund, Board of Directors, 2013-2015
- International Franchise Association

Honors and Distinctions

– U.S. District Court Eastern
District of Virginia, 2010

- “Washington, D.C. Rising Star,” Super Lawyers, 2013-2019
- Leadership Council on Legal Diversity Fellow, 2017-2018
- Steven M. Block Prize for scholarship in civil rights or civil liberties

Community Involvement

- Council on Legal Education Opportunity scholar