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Sanjaya Mendis is a partner in McCarthy Tétrault LLP's Toronto IP Litigation group, shortlisted by Managing IP as the 2024 Firm of the Year (Patent Disputes) in Canada.

Sanjaya is a trusted adviser to many of the world's largest innovative pharmaceutical, biotechnology, and technology companies on their litigation, regulatory, and commercial issues. Sanjaya's practice involves a focus on life sciences, with litigation and strategic advice in the areas of patent and Patented Medicines (Notice of Compliance) proceedings. Sanjaya frequently helps coordinate complex, high-stakes, cross-border patent disputes. Sanjaya has appeared as counsel in Ontario, the Federal Court, the Federal Court of Appeal, and the Supreme Court of Canada.

Sanjaya has successfully represented a number of innovator clients contentious patent disputes, including: Regeneron and Bayer (EYLEA), AbbVie (HUMIRA), Merck (JANUVIA), BMS and Pfizer (ELIQUIS).

Sanjaya's education in science—a Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry from the University of Ottawa—coupled with his Juris Doctor degree from the same institution's Faculty of Law, provides him with a unique perspective on the intersection of law, science, and technology. His international exposure, including a semester studying International and European Law at Université Jean Moulin (Lyon III), has further honed his capability to handle patent litigation on a global scale.

In his spare time, Sanjaya is a volunteer with Pro Bono Ontario, and the University of Toronto's Downtown Criminal Legal Services clinic. Sanjaya is an avid outdoor sports enthusiast, having recently gone canyoneering in the Philippines, shark diving in South Africa, and surfing in Sri Lanka.