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Top 100 Lawyers 2025



Joseph R. Saveri

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With 35 years of civil litigation experience, Joseph R. Saveri is one of the country's masters in the plaintiff-side bar, where he's investigated, prosecuted and successfully resolved numerous antitrust class actions and other complex cases.

"When I started out doing class action plaintiff work in 1992, cases took two-and-a-half to three years," Saveri said. "That's almost doubled now. We have more attention to the sufficiency of the pleadings from judges who won't let discovery proceed until the pleadings are accepted. Then

there's a lot of fighting about discovery and class certification. There's not a lot of benefit there. It just makes things more costly."

After leaving his managing partner position at a large complex litigation firm, Saveri opened the doors to his own shop in 2012 and has since grown it into a 26-attorney firm that has generated more than \$5 billion in settlements and successful resolutions for clients.

His offices on California Street aren't far from Jackson Square, where, starting in 1959, his father, Richard Saveri, and uncle Guido Saveri and their close associate, Joseph M. Alioto, developed their pioneering plaintiff antitrust practice.

"I learned a lot from them, and I was fortunate to have been around them," he said.

Fitting his lengthy pedigree, many of Saveri's cases are built for the long term. His firm is sole lead counsel representing a class of direct purchasers of the essential electronic component called capacitors in an antitrust case alleging that defendant manufacturers formed a cartel that conspired to fix, raise and stabilize prices in the billion-dollar market for capacitors composed of aluminum, tantalum and film.

Saveri filed the case in 2014 and is just now making final distribution — following jury trials and negotiations — of total case settlements of \$604.55 million, a sum significantly exceeding the \$427 million calculated single damages, an antitrust law

rarity. *In re Capacitors Antitrust Litigation*, 3:14-cv-03264 (N.D. Cal., filed July 18, 2014); 3:17-md-02801 (N.D. Cal., filed Dec. 17, 2017).

Benchmark Litigation rated the outcome as 2025's "Impact Case of the Year."

"Most of the funds have gone out by now," Saveri said. "A lot of class members got seven-figure amounts."

An antitrust class action filed in 2015 on behalf of professional mixed martial arts fighters won final approval in 2025 of a \$375 million settlement with a defendant accused of unlawfully obtaining monopoly power that extracted one-sided contract concessions from fighters. *Cung Le v. Zuffa LLC*, 2:15-cv-01045 (D. Nev., filed June 3, 2015).

"The payouts were about \$250,000 per fighter," Saveri said.

He's overseeing numerous other cases, including an array of seven class actions alleging the use or misuse of the intellectual property of creators in generative artificial intelligence products.

"Copyright piracy can't ever be fair use," Saveri said. "It may be a crime."

Of his firm's tenacity and winning record, he added, "We have the resources to take these complex and costly cases the distance. It takes some intellectual experience and a healthy dose of stubbornness."