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Rising Star: Saveri's Itak Moradi

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Law360 (August 20, 2026, 4:00 PM EDT) -- Itak Moradi of Saveri Law Firm LLP has guided plaintiffs through a wide range of high-profile disputes involving allegations of fraud and deceitful business practices, including the sprawling antitrust cases against Sam Bankman-Fried and the UFC, earning her a spot among the class action practitioners under age 40 honored by Law360 as Rising Stars.

Itak Moradi
Saveri Law Firm

Age: 36
Home base: San Francisco
Position: Associate
Law school: UC Law San Francisco
First job after law school: Mass litigation attorney at Walkup Melodia

The biggest case of her career:

The biggest case of Moradi's career was also the first one she brought to trial. It was a qui tam action arising from a scheme to defraud a welfare plan designed to issue healthcare and pension benefits to members of the International Longshore and Warehouse Union, with fraudulent healthcare claims brought by medical facilities illegally operated by laypeople, including an acupuncture clinic and a chiropractic office.

The trial was ultimately delayed after the legal team learned late in the discovery process that the medical professionals they had named as defendants were not the true engineers of the fraud, according to Moradi.

"We had named a number of medical professionals and figured out later on that there were insureds that were kind of the masterminds of the scheme and that were using these medical professionals kind of as pawns," she said.

Moradi was working at Knox Ricksen LLP at the time. The bench trial ended with a nine-figure judgment and a permanent injunction preventing three of the defendants from holding any managerial position in any business in a health-related field or having any ownership interest in any business in a health-related field.

"It was challenging for all the reasons that your first case and your first trial are challenging," Moradi said. "I had to figure out things on the fly, and it was super exciting and rewarding to figure out that we hadn't really understood what the scheme was until later in the case, and then redeveloping the case at a late stage."

Her proudest moment as an attorney:

Moradi's proudest moment as an attorney was becoming an attorney.

"I'm the first lawyer in my family, and I look back on law school and the infrastructure and support that maybe people more familiar with the system and the process had, and just feel really proud of having navigated it successfully and finding myself in a career that I actually really enjoy and love and feel well suited for," she said. "I've never really looked back since starting my practice."

Why she's a class action attorney:

Moradi took a liking to class action work because of its ability to bolster claims that could otherwise be impractical for an individual to bring.

"There are a lot of instances of misconduct that should be investigated and deterred, frankly, but litigation is expensive, and everyday consumers and businesses just don't have the resources to challenge large dominating monopolistic firms who are engaging in conduct that hurts people, and so this is a structure that kind of enables that," she said.

Other cases she's worked on:

Moradi was part of the team representing the plaintiffs in a sprawling antitrust case against Sam Bankman-Fried, who was sentenced to 25 years in 2024 for his fraudulent schemes related to the cryptocurrency exchange he founded, FTX. Also named as defendants were the venture capital firms and institutional investors that funded FTX and several persons and entities paid to promote FTX, among others. Saveri Law Firm was appointed to the plaintiffs' steering committee in 2023.

Moradi also worked on a class action launched by mixed martial artist fighters who accused the Ultimate Fighting Championship, or UFC, of unlawfully impairing other MMA promoters' ability to compete in the market for MMA promotions. After nearly a decade of litigation, the Nevada federal court gave final approval for a $375 million settlement.

"Antitrust law and what antitrust law tries to protect really permeates all aspects of our lives, but it can be hard to connect to sometimes," she said. "You may have an antitrust case that is focused on maybe overcharging for some obscure computer chip and the effects of that on the economy, and on the way that our laws can protect us can be super expensive, but it can be hard to have the average person connect to why it matters. The UFC case presented a compelling opportunity to show people what the effects look like."

How she thinks the legal industry will change over the next 10 years:

Moradi suspects that politics and technology will be the main drivers of change.

"My hope is that the legal system only continues to transform to make sure that we're keeping up with some of the really serious and kind of dark challenges we're facing in terms of technology and politics," she said.

--As told to Andrea Keckley. Additional reporting by Elaine Briseño. Editing by Patrick Reagan.

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