

## PROLOY K. DAS

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### **Proloy K. Das represents clients involved in appellate litigation in various civil litigation matters and serves as Chair of FordHarrison's Appellate Practice Group.**

Proloy has argued more than 90 appeals before state and federal appellate courts including the Connecticut Supreme Court, Connecticut Appellate Court, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, and U.S. Court of Appeals for Ninth Circuit. Due to his breadth of experience in appellate matters, he was appointed to the U. S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit pro bono panel of appellate advocates for indigent appellants. Proloy has also argued first impression cases in several areas of law.

In his election law practice, Proloy represents clients on ballot access issues, election recounts and challenges, and administrative proceedings before the state elections enforcement commission. Proloy is the Connecticut chair to the Republican National Lawyers Association, has served as general counsel to the Connecticut Republican Party, and has represented the House and Senate Republican caucuses in constitutional litigation.

Prior to entering private practice, Proloy served as an Assistant State's Attorney in the Appellate Bureau of the Chief State's Attorney's Office.

### **Representative Experience**

- » Successfully represented manufacturer before the Connecticut Supreme Court in obtaining reversal of \$2 million award in a trades secrets claim.

### **Representative Appellate Experience**

- » Successfully represented nutritional supplement company in certified question from federal court to Connecticut Supreme Court in \$3.7 million dispute in breach of contract claim.
- » Successfully represented a municipal employer before the Connecticut Supreme Court in obtaining a vacatur of an arbitration award on public policy grounds.
- » Successfully represented a tribal entity before the United

### **EDUCATION**

- » Indiana University, Maurer School of Law (J.D., 2000)
- » Boston College (B.A., 1997)

### **BAR ADMISSIONS**

- » Connecticut

### **COURT ADMISSIONS**

- » U.S. Supreme Court
- » U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit
- » U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
- » U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit
- » U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit
- » U.S. District Court for the District of Connecticut
- » Supreme Court of Connecticut

States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit in arguing that tribal sovereign immunity applied to ADEA and Title VII.

- » Successfully represented Republican Party before the Connecticut Supreme Court in challenge to the Secretary of State's ordering of political parties on the statewide ballot.
- » Successfully represented commercial plaintiff before the Connecticut Supreme Court in reversing summary judgment based on contractual notice provision in multimillion dollar dispute.
- » Successfully represented power plant company before the Connecticut Supreme Court in arguing that claims by workers displaced but uninjured by explosion were barred by economic loss doctrine.
- » Successfully represented municipality before the Connecticut Supreme Court in litigation over taxation authority.
- » Successfully represented panel of judges in appeal to the Connecticut Supreme Court over sealing of grand jury records.

#### **Representative Political and Election Litigation Experience**

- » Successfully represented municipality in litigation over referendum election.
- » Successfully represented Republican candidates for state legislature before Supreme Court in case about cross-endorsement ballot line.
- » Successfully represented Senate Republican caucus in dispute over effect of 18-18 tie in Senate resulting in power-sharing agreement.
- » Successfully represented fireworks company in challenging Attorney General's interpretation of consumer pyrotechnics statute and recovering seized products.
- » Successfully represented municipality before the Connecticut Supreme Court in obtaining reversal of trial court decision on sovereign immunity and zoning immunity claims by a state contractor.
- » Successfully represented Connecticut Republican Party in litigation over another political party's improper use of campaign funds in a state gubernatorial election.

#### **Honors & Awards**

- » AV® Preeminent Peer Review Rated by Martindale-Hubbell

- » Connecticut Law Tribune's New Leaders of the Law (2005)
- » Hartford Business Journal's "40 Under Forty" (2007)
- » National Asian Pacific American Bar Association's (NAPABA) Best Under 40 (2011)
- » *Best Lawyers in America* - Litigation - Labor and Employment
- » "Super Lawyers Rising Stars" list of Connecticut appellate lawyers (2008-2012); "Super Lawyers" list of top appellate lawyers in New England (2013-2024)
- » The Connecticut Law Tribune named the appellate department then chaired by Proloy at Rome McGuigan as its "2015 Appellate Litigation Department of the Year." In 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and in 2022 the publication named Murtha Cullina's appellate practice group then chaired by Proloy as its "Appellate Litigation Department of the Year." In 2024, American Legal Media named FordHarrison's appellate department one of the best in New England.
- » Connecticut Law Tribune "New Leader of the Law: Development of the Law" Award (2005)
- » James W. Cooper Life Fellow of the Connecticut Bar Foundation
- » Trailblazer Award, South Asian Bar Association of Connecticut (2021)

## Memberships

- » Judicial Performance Evaluation Program Advisory Panel (appointed by Chief Justice), 2009 – Present
- » Connecticut Law Tribune Editorial Board, Board Member, 2007 – 2022
- » Lawyers Collaborative for Diversity, Board Member, 2016 – 2020
- » Connecticut Asian Pacific Bar Association, President (2013-2014); Board Member (2011-2018)
- » South Asian Bar Association of Connecticut, Vice-President, 2005 – 2007, Board Member 2012 - 2013
- » Connecticut Bar Journal Board of Editors, Member, 2007 – 2014
- » Connecticut Bar Association Committee on Professional Ethics, 2011 - Present
- » Connecticut Bar Association, Young Lawyers Section,

Officer, 2006 – 2009, Chair, 2009 - 2010

- » Connecticut Bar Association, Young Lawyers Section, Appellate Practice Chair, 2004 - 2006
- » Connecticut Bar Association Appellate Section, Executive Committee, 2006 – Present
- » Connecticut Bar Association Criminal Justice Section, Executive Committee, 2007 - Present
- » Connecticut Bar Association Litigation Section, Executive Committee, 2010 - Present
- » Oliver Ellsworth Chapter of Inns of Court, Barrister, 2007 - 2010
- » Federalist Society, Connecticut Lawyers Chapter, Member, 2015 – Present
- » Connecticut Supreme Court Historical Society, Member, 2007 - Present
- » United States Supreme Court Historical Society, Member, 2008 - Present
- » Republican National Lawyers Association, Connecticut State Chair, 2020 – Present
- » Connecticut Republican State Central Committee, Member, 2021 – Present

## News & Insights

- » October 10, 2024 - Three FordHarrison Attorneys Named to 2024 Connecticut Super Lawyers List
- » August 16, 2024 - Four Hartford-Based FordHarrison Attorneys Listed in the 2025 Best Lawyers in America
- » April 18, 2024 - U.S. Supreme Court Holds that Title VII Requires Employees Establish only "Some Harm" as a Result of Transfer, Rejecting Lower Court Ruling that Harm must be "Significant" to Constitute Discrimination
- » October 10, 2023 - Two FordHarrison Attorneys Named to 2023 Connecticut Super Lawyers List
- » November 15, 2022 - "Connecticut Movers: Leading Attorneys Jump to Hartford Firms," Law.com

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