

# Thiru Vignarajah Joins DLA Piper's Litigation Practice in Baltimore

Thiru Vignarajah will join DLA Piper as partner with the firm's litigation practice in the Baltimore office. Vignarajah most recently served as deputy attorney general for the state of Maryland.

Vignarajah's tenure as a prosecutor began in 2009 as assistant US attorney in the District of Maryland. Beginning in 2011, he served as division chief of the Major Investigations Unit of the Baltimore City State's Attorney's Office. In 2015, Maryland Attorney General Brian Frosh named Vignarajah deputy attorney general; in that office, he played a leading role in significant criminal, civil rights and juvenile justice matters.

"Given his high-profile litigation and trial experience, which includes appellate and US Supreme Court work, Thiru will be a strong addition to our firm, particularly with his knowledge of white-collar, privacy and environmental matters," said James Brogan, co-chair of DLA Piper's US Litigation group. "He has a strong work ethic and impressive legal credentials, which will make him an asset to our global client base."

In his government service, Vignarajah served as first chair in a number of successful high-profile prosecutions. As deputy attorney general, Vignarajah also led or supervised counsel on several notable Supreme Court, federal and state matters, including *Ross v. Blake* and *Exxon v. Maura Healey*.

"Thiru is well-known and respected in the regional legal community and beyond, and his reputation will enhance the profile and capabilities of our Baltimore office," said Brett Ingerman, DLA Piper's office managing partner in Baltimore.

“He’s a top-notch first-chair trial lawyer with a remarkable set of legal credentials.”

Vignarajah received his J.D., magna cum laude, from Harvard Law School, his M.A. in Medical Law and Ethics from King’s College London, and his B.A. from Yale University. He was president of the Harvard Law Review and served as law clerk to Judge Guido Calabresi and Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer.

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