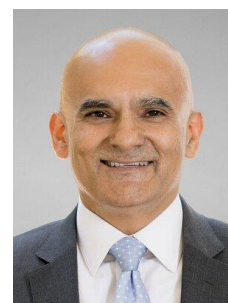


JAMS Brings On Former US Magistrate Judge In Calif.

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Law360 (August 18, 2025, 4:38 PM EDT) -- Alternative dispute resolution service JAMS continues expanding its roster, announcing Monday it has added a former California federal magistrate judge as one of its neutrals.

Shashi H. Kewalramani, who retired from the bench last week, has joined JAMS. He served eight years as a U.S. magistrate judge for the Central District of California. Earlier in his career, he served eight years as an assistant U.S. attorney in the Central and Northern districts of California.



Shashi H. Kewalramani

At JAMS, Kewalramani will be a mediator, arbitrator and neutral evaluator. He will be based in JAMS' Orange County service center in Irvine, California, but he will be available to handle virtual sessions as well.

In a Monday morning interview, Kewalramani told Law360 he wants to focus on mediation.

"The part of the job that I really enjoyed when I was a U.S. magistrate judge was helping parties resolve matters in the settlement space where they have a little more control in how the case is going to be resolved before it goes to a jury. You never know what is going to happen," Kewalramani said. "That was part of the job that I really enjoyed. It also drew on my experience as a trial lawyer where you really have to prepare and know the facts of law intimately in order to help the parties arrive at a resolution that is going to work for both of them."

Kewalramani will handle a variety of practice areas, including intellectual property, business and commercial, employment, civil rights, life sciences, product liability, smart contracts and blockchain.

"My background is largely in intellectual property," he said. "I've gotten quite a bit into employment law as well as a result of the cases I was helping resolve while I was with the court."

He joined JAMS so he could easily work on cases around the country.

"My goal is to have a national practice," Kewalramani said. "I have a lot of connections in Texas. I practiced there and clerked there. I wanted to join an organization that had a national footprint. That's why I chose JAMS."

JAMS was founded in 1979 as Judicial Arbitration & Mediation Services. It now has 29 locations and

about 500 mediators.

JAMS CEO and President Kimberly Taylor said she is glad to have Kewalramani join the organization.

"Judge Kewalramani brings a unique blend of technical and legal understanding to his role as a JAMS neutral," Taylor said in a statement. "Known for his perseverance, meticulous preparation and commitment to helping parties find common ground, he has earned the trust of colleagues and litigants alike. We are confident that his deep knowledge of evolving technology will be a tremendous asset in resolving even the most challenging disputes."

Kewalramani was born in India but came to America as a baby when his father got a job as an engineer in the oil industry.

He earned his law degree in 1996 from Baylor Law School in Texas after earning his bachelor's degree in aerospace engineering at the University of Texas at Austin.

Kewalramani worked six years as an associate with intellectual property boutique Arnold White & Durkee LLP, which in 2000 merged with antitrust firm Howrey & Simon to become Howrey Simon Arnold & White LLP.

In 2003, he moved to the West Coast to become an assistant U.S. attorney in the Northern District of California. There, his duties included working with the Computer Hacking and Intellectual Property Unit, leading investigations and prosecutions involving cybercrime, fraud, data breach and trade secret offenses. He later transferred to the U.S. attorney's office in the Central District of California.

In 2011, he went into private practice with Lee Jorgensen Pyle & Kewalramani LLP, a boutique specializing in patent litigation, white collar defense and investigations. Four years later, he moved to SHK Legal APC. And in 2017, he was appointed a magistrate judge in the Central District of California.

Now at age 54, he has retired from the bench and is eager to start this next chapter of his career.

"I'm still curious about a lot of things," Kewalramani said. "I feel I have the energy to go anywhere in the country and stay up as late as possible to get deals done. I just didn't want to take the chance that I wouldn't have this opportunity if I did this later in my career."

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