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Insurance Defence Group Head Sudevi Mukherjee-Gothi has a thriving litigation practice, representing insurance companies, companies with a self-insured retention, health professionals and corporations.

In insurance defence matters, she focuses on occupiers' liability, motor vehicle liability and the defence of professional liability (pharmacists, veterinarians, lawyers and independent adjusters). Sudevi also has experience in large environmental contamination cases, product liability cases, property damage claims and providing coverage opinions.

She has extensive trial experience and regularly appears before the various levels of court in Ontario. These include the Superior Court of Justice, Ontario Court of Appeal, and various administrative tribunals, as well as the Supreme Court of Canada.

Over the years, Sudevi has achieved practical and effective solutions to the most complex litigation issues. Her love for being a litigator is demonstrated by her commitment to always strive for the best possible outcome. She achieved one of the highest cost orders for an insurance client in a jury trial to date.

Sudevi is the former chair of the firm's Diversity Committee and its South Asian Marketing committee, The Monsoon Group. She is also actively involved with PV Women's Network and is a founding member of Project WomenKIND in connection with Oakville Trafalgar Memorial Hospital. In addition, she spends a lot of time mentoring both lawyers and law students and is active with the Advocates' Society and the Ontario Bar Association's Insurance Executive. Sudevi was a former president of the South Asian Bar Association (Toronto). In 2021, she was nominated as one of the Top 25 Most Influential Lawyers in Canada by *Canadian Lawyer* magazine.

Sudevi is frequently asked to speak at insurance industry conferences and she routinely provides seminars to clients on practice-related issues and those related to Diversity and Inclusion.

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Expertise

- Commercial Litigation
- Insurance Defence
- Coverage Opinions
- Environmental Claims
- Fraud
- Health Law
- Insurance Law
- Motor Vehicle Accidents
- Occupiers' Liability
- Professional Liability and Negligence
- Property Loss Claims
- Subrogation

Industries

- Healthcare
- Insurance
- Sports and Recreation
- Religious Institutions

Education

B.A. (Hons.), York University (1997)
LL.B., The University of Western Ontario (2000)
Mini Medical School, University of Toronto (2005)

Called to the Ontario Bar, 2002

Awards

- Best Lawyers® Recognizes Eleven Pallett Valo Lawyers Across Multiple Practice Areas
- Best Lawyers™ Accolades for Twelve Pallett Valo Lawyers
- Fourteen Pallett Valo Lawyers Recognized by Best Lawyers®
- Sudevi Mukherjee-Gothi Recognized for Mentorship by Women in Law Leadership

- Best Lawyers™ Accolades for Eleven Pallett Valo Lawyers

Memberships

- Regional Co-ordinator, Insurance Law Section
- Board of Directors, Oakville Hospital Foundation and a Founding Member of Project WomenKIND
- Board of Directors, The Advocates' Society; Rules of Civil Procedure Task Force (2024- present); Co-Chair of the Collegiality, Mentoring & Membership (CMM) Standing Committee
- Vice Chair, Oakville Trafalgar Memorial Hospital Foundation Board (2026 -2027)
- Member, Indo-Canada Chamber of Commerce
- Member, South Asian Bar Association
- Mentor, Federation of Asian Canadian Lawyers (FACL)
- Mentor for the South Asian Women in Law
- Mentor for the Black Law Student Association Osgoode (BLSA)
- Mentor for the Western Law BIPOC Mentorship Program
- Committee Member, Women In Law Leadership (WILL) (2024-2025)
- Former President, South Asian Bar Association (2010-2011)
- Former Vice-President of Public Relations, South Asian Bar Association (2007-2010)
- Former Member, Oakville Diwali Gala Committee (2018-2019)
- Former Treasurer, Ontario Insurance Professionals Association (OIPA)
- Former Member, Law Society of Ontario, Equity Advisory Group (EAG)
- Former Newsletter Editor, Ontario Bar Association, Insurance Law Section Executive
- Former Member-at-Large, Ontario Bar Association, Insurance Law Section Executive
- Former AGR Liaison, Ontario Bar Association, Insurance Law Section Executive (member of the Executive since 2006: Vice-Chair 2009-2010, Program Coordinator 2007-2009)

Publications

- What Every Landlord and Property Owner Must Know: Occupiers' Liability and Winter Maintenance October 2026
- The Cost of Sitting on an Insurance Claim: MTCC No. 1255 v. Intact Insurance (2026 ONSC 5128) October 2026
- Staged Collisions, Surprise Discoveries, and the Limits of Privilege August 2026
- Ontario Accident Benefits That Will No Longer Be Mandatory as of July 1, 2026 March 2026
- AI Is Great – Until It Hallucinates! February 2026
- Slip and Fall Liability: Court Finds Owner and Contractor Liable Despite Reasonable Precautions August 2025
- "But for" Test, Credibility and Adverse Inference: Another Coffee Cup Case! July 2025
- Jurisdiction Shopping Called Out October 2024
- CERB/CRB Deductibility in a Motor Vehicle Accident and Double Recovery October 2024
- Pallett Valo Lawyers to Serve the Ontario Bar Association in 2024/2025 September 2024
- The Dog Owners' Liability Act v. The Occupiers' Liability Act – At Odds? May 2024

- Inordinate Delays and Prejudice! May 2024
- Sudevi Mukherjee-Gothi Appointed to Board of Directors for The Advocates' Society January 2024
- What Is a Compensable Mental Injury? September 2023
- Six Pallett Valo Lawyers Elected to Serve the Ontario Bar Association in 2023/2024 August 2023
- Motor Vehicle Accident in Quebec for a Non Resident – Quebec Law Still Applies! January 2023
- Recent Court of Appeal Decisions Re Tort of Intrusion Upon Seclusion December 2022
- Exclusion under the Condominium Unit Owners Policy for Criminal and Intentional Actions August 2022
- Seven Pallett Valo Lawyers Will Serve the Ontario Bar Association in Various Roles for 2022/2023 July 2022
- Why Are Law Firms Still Failing on Diversity? March 2022
- Can a Policy Breach Result in a Denial of Coverage Even When Discovered Late in the Litigation? December 2021
- Are These Expert Fees Reasonable? July 2021
- Application of the Test for Admission of Fresh Evidence July 2021
- Does the *Fire Protection and Prevention Act*, Relieve Liability? June 2021
- Was the House Vacant When the Home Owner Moved Out for Medical Treatment? May 2021
- Are Costs Not Justified for a Successful Party – One With Insurance? May 2021
- Lawyers Swearing Affidavits April 2021
- Women in Law: Setting the Agenda for Change April 2021
- The Court of Appeal's Recent Decision on Social Host Liability March 2021
- Productions and Affidavit of Documents in Personal Injury Matters January 2021
- Court of Appeal Affirms Dismissal of Slip and Fall Action as Being Out of Time; Discoverability Did Not Extend the Limitation Period November 2020
- Electronic Waivers – What Is Required for Their Effectiveness? July 2020
- Virtual Hearings Are Likely to Retain a Permanent Place in the Judicial Tool Box May 2020
- Apportionment of Costs Based on the Insurance Policy Limits May 2020
- Recent Decision on Parameters for an Application Before the Divisional Court April 2020
- No Costs for the Defendant, Who Is Successful at Trial February 2020
- Can There Be Liability for an Injury Sustained During Hockey? January 2020
- Battle of the Experts and What Is Reasonable Under the Occupiers' Liability Act January 2020
- Duty to Defend; But There Is Another Policy Responding and Did the Pleadings Go Far Enough? November 2019
- What Is Required to Transfer an Action to a Different Jurisdiction? September 2019
- Sudevi Mukherjee-Gothi Appointed Treasurer of the Ontario Insurance Professionals Association September 2019
- Bill 118 –Proposed Amendment to the Occupiers' Liability Act July 2019
- Is There Coverage for a Cancelled Policy? July 2019
- Couple v. Vendor – Who Was Right? June 2019
- Skateboards, Malls and a Lot of Litigation! June 2019
- Is Risk Insurance Enough? What Are the Limits of Insurance Coverage for Builders? June 2019
- When an Accident Is Just That – an Accident May 2019
- Excluding Parties from attending Examinations for Discovery May 2019

- What Is a Mary Carter Agreement and When to Use It? February 2019
- Eggs thrown from a vehicle – does that mean that the accident was occasioned by a motor vehicle? April 2019
- Does the Tort of Harassment exist? March 2019
- Households, cottages and insurance! February 2019
- Underinsurance Coverage January 2019
- Case law on social host liability continues to evolve January 2019
- The *Consumer Protection Act* vs. *The Occupiers' Liability Act* – which prevails when dealing with a waiver of liability? December 2018
- New Litigator Enhances Leading Law Firms Capabilities November 2017
- Welcome to the Insurance Law Group at Pallett Valo LLP March 2018
- Sudevi Mukherjee-Gothi Featured in SAWL for International Womens Day March 2018
- Consequences for not having a matter placed into Simplified Procedure October 2018
- Oakville Hospital Foundation's Diwali Gala September 2018
- What are your requirements under the *Occupier's Liability Act*? Does it apply to you? September 2018
- Insuring your big day July 2018
- Should cost protection insurance be mandatory? July 2018

Other Languages

- French (working knowledge)

Other Publications and Presentations

- Appraiser, Examination Development and Delivery, Licensing and Accreditation, Law Society of Ontario – October 2026
- Presenter, Client Presentation on Full and Final Releases, Undertaking of Confidentiality and Forfeiture Clauses, Landlord's Exposure Under the *Occupiers' Liability Act*, Expert Witnesses, Defending Civil Sexual Assault Cases – June 2026
- Presenter, Written Advocacy Program, The Advocates' Society/ Roundtable of Legal Diversity Associations (RODA) – June to September 2026
- Presenter, Anatomy of a Trial: Taking the Plunge Into a Jury Trial, Ontario Bar Association – May 2026
- Co-chair, Young Advocates' Mentoring Panel, The Advocates' Society – May 2026
- Panelist, Beyond the Golf Club: Redefining Business Development and Building Your Unique Professional Brand, Annual International Women's Day Symposium, SABA Toronto – March 2026
- Cochair and Moderator, Tricks of the Trade, The Advocates' Society – January 2026
- Speaker, Resilience and Responsibility: Mistake Management Strategies and Perspectives from Lawyers in Underrepresented Communities, Canadian Defence Lawyers – December 2025
- Coach, Do A Trial!, The Advocates' Society – September 2025
- Appraiser, Examination Development and Delivery, Licensing and Accreditation, Law Society of Ontario – August 2025
- Co-chair, Young Advocates' Speed Mentoring, The Advocates' Society Speed Mentoring Event for Young Advocates – May 2025

- Panelist, Preparing Your Expert for Trial: How to Prepare your Expert for Examination and Cross-Examination, Working with Expert Witnesses, The Advocates' Society – May 2025
- Co-chair, Response to the Changes to the Rules of Civil Procedure, The Advocates' Society – April to May 2025
- Speaker, Self-Advocacy Workshop, South Asian Women Attorneys Network – March 2025
- Cochair and Moderator, Tricks of the Trade, The Advocates' Society – January 2025
- Appraiser, Examination Development and Delivery, Licensing and Accreditation, Law Society of Ontario – October 2024
- Coach, Do A Trial!, The Advocates' Society – September 2024
- Presenter, A Business Owner/Operator's Guide to Insurance and Brokers, Pallett Valo – September 2024
- Business Development Panel, SABA International Women's Day – February 2024
- Co-chair, Tricks of the Trade, The Advocates' Society – January 2024
- Panelist, Preparing Your Witness for Discovery, The Advocates' Society – October 2023
- Discussion Facilitator, Equity Diversity and Inclusion for Litigators, The Advocates' Society – October 2023
- Coach, Do A Trial!, The Advocates' Society – September 2023
- Speaker, Breaking the Mould – Asian Heritage Month, Holy Trinity School – May 2023
- Instructor, Appellate Advocacy Skills Training Program Series for Members of Roundtable of Diversity Associations (RODA), Court of Appeal for Ontario, The Advocates' Society and Ontario Bar Association – March 2023
- Chair, Knocking Down the Walls – Building Gender Equality in Law, Canadian Lawyer Women in Law Conference – February 2023
- Mentor, The Advocates' Society, OBA and the Roundtable of Diversity Associations, Appellate Advocacy Skills Training Series – December 2022
- Instructor, Mastering Winning Discovery Techniques Skills Workshop, The Advocates' Society – November 2022
- Presenter, Mentorship, University of New Brunswick Law School – September 2022
- Presenter, Anatomy of a Trial, Ontario Bar Association – June 2022
- Speaker, Winning Body Language for Litigators, The Advocates' Society – June 2022
- Sudevi Mukherjee-Gothi – Pallett Valo Women Leadership Interview
- Panelist, Roundtable of Diversity Associations Town Hall, The Advocates' Society – February 2022
- Panelist, Getting the Most Out of Your Mentor and Sharing Insights, Women in Law Summit – February 2022
- Who Pays for the Productions?, Ontario Bar Association – November 2022
- Presenter, Law Society of Ontario, 4th Motor Vehicle Litigation Summit – "The Apology Act" – September 2021
- Presenter, The Advocates' Society, Examination-in-Chief Preparation Series – "Getting Ready: Preparing Yourself for Examination-in-Chief" – April 2021
- Speaker, Speaking on Insurance Defence Practice, Student Programs, Diversity and Belonging, Trios College, Justice in Pieces – March 2021
- Instructor, The Advocates' Society, Motions Skills Training Course – March 2021
- Instructor, The Advocates' Society, Advocacy Skills Training Series – March 2021
- Speaker, Women In Law Canada, Setting Boundaries – February 2021
- Panelist, Pragmatic Steps for Young Lawyers and Practices to Better Balance Personal and Family Needs With a Growing Practice, Canadian Lawyer Young Lawyers Summit – November 2020
- Mentor, The Advocates' Society, Equality, Diversity and Inclusion for Litigators Program- October 2020
- Panelist, Queen's Pre Law Society, Diversity and Inclusion in the Law – September 2020

- Skills Instructor, The Advocates' Society, Remote Skills Workshop: Motions Advocacy – August 2020
- Canada: Home Insurance Coverage for a Workplace Injury? – January 2018
- Ontario Clarifies Rules Around Additional Insureds – January 2018

Recognition

- Selected by peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in Canada*™ annually since 2024 in the field of Insurance Law and annually since 2025 in Medical Negligence
- Recipient of the 2024 Women in Law Leadership Awards Ontario Individual Mentorship Award
- Precedent Setter Award, 2012