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Ms. Sahu concentrates her practice in representing financial institutions in general commercial loan transactions and real estate transactions, including single lender, syndicated and second lien loan transactions and small business administration guaranteed loans.

Ms. Sahu has extensive experience structuring, negotiating, and documenting secured and unsecured commercial loans to borrowers in a variety of industries.

She has particular expertise in lending transactions involving venture capital-backed emerging and established companies in the technology, energy, and life science industries. She has more than a decade of experience in transactions with companies in all stages of growth from seed/early stage to established pre-public stage companies.

Ms. Sahu has been listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* since 2013 in the field of Banking and Finance, was listed in *Michigan Rising Stars* 2008-2012 under Banking, and is listed as a 2019 "Top Lawyer" for Banking and Financial Services by *DBusiness Magazine*. In 2019, *Lawyers of Color* named Ms. Sahu to its "Nation's Best" list of distinguished attorneys and in 2018, *Michigan Lawyers Weekly* named Ms. Sahu to its annual class of "Women in Law." In 2008, Ms. Sahu received *Michigan Lawyers Weekly's* "Up & Coming Lawyers" award which recognizes practitioners whose accomplishments set them apart from their peers in the first ten years in practice.

She is a member of Bodman's Executive Committee, which manages the firm's day to day business affairs. She is a member of the State Bar of Michigan and the State Bar of California.

Ms. Sahu serves as a board member of New Paradigm College Prep school and volunteers with VIP Mentoring. She also serves on the board of directors of Gleaners Community Food Bank. Ms. Sahu is a past board member of the Los Angeles Chapter of the Risk Management Association, a past board member of African-American Attorneys in Downtown Firms (AAADF), and the



practices & industries

Banking

education

University of Michigan Law School, J.D.

Florida A&M University, *magna cum laude*, B.S.

admissions

California
Michigan

professional affiliations

American Bar Association
State Bar of California
State Bar of Michigan

former vice president and treasurer of the board of directors of University YES Academy in Detroit.

Before joining Bodman, Ms. Sahu worked as a corporate financial analyst for NationsBank (now Bank of America) in Charlotte, North Carolina. In law school, Ms. Sahu was the co-article selection coordinator for the *Michigan Journal of Gender and Law*.

Honors, Awards, and Recognition

- *Lawyers of Color* "Nation's Best" List, 2019
- *The Best Lawyers in America*® 2013-2020, Banking and Finance
- *DBusiness Magazine* "Top Lawyers" 2014, 2015, 2019, Banking & Financial Services
- *Michigan Rising Stars* 2008-2012, Banking
- *Michigan Lawyers Weekly* "Women in Law" 2018
- *Michigan Lawyers Weekly* "Up & Coming Lawyers" 2008

CIVIC, CULTURAL, AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

- New Paradigm College Prep, Member, Board of Directors
- Gleaners Community Food Bank of Southeastern Michigan, Member, Board of Directors
- VIP Mentoring, Volunteer Mentor
- YES Academy (Detroit), former Vice President and Treasurer, Board of Directors

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