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Child and Forced Labor Risks Global Task Force

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Gibson Dunn is pleased to announce the establishment of its Child and Forced Labor Risks Global Task Force to help our clients prevent illegal child and forced labor in their workforce, evaluate their supply chains, and respond to investigations and litigation arising from illegal child labor and forced labor allegations.

Governments around the world are increasing their scrutiny of illegal child labor and forced labor. In the United States, the Department of Labor and Congress have recently launched investigations of companies' child labor policies and compliance practices that pose substantial legal, financial, and reputational risks for those companies. Congress also has enacted statutes to prevent forced labor globally and recently questioned several companies regarding allegations of forced labor in their supply chains. In Europe, laws combating modern slavery and child labor are emerging across individual jurisdictions, with potential for additional legislation that will impose mandatory human rights and due diligence obligations on certain corporations with a European commercial footprint. Similarly, governments in the Asia Pacific region are grappling with ways to address the issue through a combination of legislation and enforcement.

The Gibson Dunn team offers holistic compliance and response strategies to help our clients implement best-of-class policies related to forced labor and illegal child labor and to ensure they are prepared to respond effectively to civil, criminal, or congressional investigations or litigation relating to alleged forced labor or illegal child labor in their workforce or their supply chains.

Working together, our Labor and Employment, White Collar Defense and Investigations, Congressional Investigations, Crisis Management, Public Policy, Environmental Social Governance (ESG), Securities Regulation and Corporate Governance, Transnational Litigation, International Trade, and Litigation practice groups provide a range of services to root out and prevent forced labor and illegal child labor in clients' workforce and help clients emerge stronger after investigations and enforcement actions.

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Gibson Dunn's multidisciplinary **Child Forced Labor Risks Global Task Force** (ChildLaborTaskForce@gibsondunn.com) members are available to assist clients in their efforts to prevent illegal child labor in their own and their suppliers' workforce and to guide clients through government investigations and litigation based on allegations of illegal child labor or forced labor. Please contact the Gibson Dunn lawyer with whom you usually work, the Task Force, or any of the following authors for additional information about how we may assist you.

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