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Former Fifth Circuit Judge Gregg Costa Joins Gibson Dunn as Co-Chair of the Global Trial Practice Group in Houston

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Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP is pleased to announce that Gregg Costa will join the firm's Houston office as a partner in October. Costa, formerly a judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, will serve as Co-Chair of the Global Trial Practice Group and focus on building a civil trial, white collar defense, and investigations practice. "We are thrilled to welcome Gregg to Gibson Dunn and that he has chosen our litigation platform as the foundation of his practice," said Barbara Becker, Chair and Managing Partner of Gibson Dunn. "Gregg earned a stellar reputation during his time as a prosecutor, and his reputation only grew while on the bench. We look forward to welcoming him back to private practice and having him join our team." "There are few litigators today who have Gregg's experience and perspective, as a former federal prosecutor and judge," said Veronica Moyé, a Dallas partner and Co-Chair of the firm's Litigation Practice Group. "His insights will be invaluable to our clients, and we are fortunate to be able to continue our Texas litigation expansion with Gregg at the helm." "By any measure, Gregg is the most sought-after trial lawyer in the Texas market in years," said Houston litigation partner Collin Cox. "He has a sterling reputation with credentials that represent the apex of achievement in our profession. We are confident that he will easily transfer his experience as a phenomenal jurist and prosecutor to become a nationally renowned trial lawyer in private practice." "I'm excited to begin the next chapter of my career at Gibson Dunn," said Costa. "I left the federal bench because I missed the competition and teamwork that comes with trying cases. Gibson Dunn is the perfect home to try cases, work as a member of a collaborative litigation team, and build a winning practice. The firm's national litigation practice is second to none. Its Houston litigation team is off to a tremendous start with Collin Cox and Sydney Scott, and I look forward to working with them to make Gibson Dunn the go-to litigation group in the city." **About Gregg Costa** Costa previously served for more than 10 years as a federal trial and appellate judge. He served on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit from 2014 to 2022, following his nomination by President Obama and confirmation by the U.S. Senate with a vote of 97-0. He first served as a judge on the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas from 2012 to 2014. When he took the bench, he became the youngest-sitting federal judge, at age 39. Costa served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney at the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Texas from 2005 to 2012. During his tenure, he received the John Marshall Award for Trial of Litigation and the Assistant Attorney General's Award for Exceptional Service. Costa tried more than 15 jury trials, including the prosecution of Allen Stanford for orchestrating a multibillion-dollar, international fraud scheme. Costa began his legal career as an associate in the Houston office of Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP. Costa graduated with a B.A. in 1994 from Dartmouth College. After college, he taught elementary school for two years in Mississippi through Teach for America. He then attended law school, graduating from the University of Texas School of Law with highest honors in 1999. Costa served as a law clerk for Judge Raymond Randolph on the D.C. Circuit from 1999 to 2000, was a Bristow Fellow in the Office of the Solicitor General from 2000 to 2001, and served as a law clerk for Chief Justice William Rehnquist on the U.S. Supreme Court from 2001 to 2002.

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