

Gibson Dunn Adds Real Estate and Hospitality Partner Lauren Giovannone in Los Angeles

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Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP is pleased to announce that Lauren Giovannone will join the firm's Los Angeles office as a partner. Giovannone, formerly a partner at Paul Hastings LLP, will continue her real estate practice, which concentrates on all transactional matters associated with the hospitality sector. "We are delighted to welcome Lauren to the firm," said Barbara L. Becker, Chair and Managing Partner of Gibson Dunn. "Lauren is widely regarded for her deep experience in the hospitality sector, and she will help us continue to add depth to our dynamic real estate practice nationwide and across the globe." "Lauren is an exceptional hospitality lawyer," said Jesse Sharf, Co-Chair of Gibson Dunn's Real Estate Practice Group. "In addition to her own robust practice, Lauren's arrival will allow us to further expand the work we are doing for our clients in the hotel, sports, restaurant and entertainment industries throughout the world." "I'm incredibly excited to join Gibson Dunn," said Giovannone. "Having worked with Gibson Dunn on various real estate transactions over the years, I have admired the firm's collegiality, first-rate real estate practice and talented attorneys. I look forward to contributing my experience in the hospitality arena and collaborating with my new colleagues." **About Lauren Giovannone** Giovannone represents real estate development companies, financial institutions, investors, and commercial lessors and tenants in all aspects of the acquisition, development and finance of hotels and resorts, condo-hotels, branded residential projects, theme and water parks, and large mixed-use projects. She regularly negotiates management, franchise, licensing and branding agreements; restaurant leases and management agreements; preopening, technical service and PIP agreements; marketing and sales agreements; subordination and non-disturbance agreements; executive compensation and consulting agreements; and celebrity chef joint venture and management agreements. Before joining Gibson Dunn, Giovannone was a partner at Paul Hastings LLP and co-chair of the Hospitality & Leisure Practice. Giovannone graduated cum laude in 2005 from Loyola Law School, where she was a member of the Order of the Coif.

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