

Gibson Dunn Partner James Moloney Named Director of SEC's Corporation Finance Division

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September 10, 2025 – James J. Moloney, a longtime Gibson Dunn partner, has been named Director of the Division of Corporation Finance at the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC).

Barbara Becker, Chair and Managing Partner of Gibson Dunn, said: “Jim has been integral to building our securities regulation and corporate governance practice into the powerhouse it is today. He has been a trusted colleague, advisor, and mentor throughout his time at Gibson Dunn, and we wish him the very best as he returns to public service and takes on this important new role.”

Jim is a co-leader of Gibson Dunn’s Securities Regulation and Corporate Governance Practice Group. For more than two decades, he has advised public companies, their boards, and independent board committees on securities law reporting, corporate compliance programs, mergers, regulatory investigations, and stock exchange proceedings.

Previously, Jim spent six years at the SEC, serving his final three years as Special Counsel in the Office of Mergers & Acquisitions in the Division of Corporation Finance. In addition to reviewing merger transactions, Jim was the principal drafter of Regulation M-A, a comprehensive rulemaking on takeovers and shareholder communications adopted by the Commission in October 1999. Jim began his legal career as an associate at Gibson Dunn in 2000.

“I’m excited to return to the Commission at this pivotal time in securities regulation, and I want to thank the firm for the unique opportunity to advise such a broad base of stellar clients alongside so many talented individuals,” said Jim.

Gibson Dunn’s Securities Regulation and Corporate Governance Practice Group regularly represents Fortune 100 and 500 companies on a variety of disclosure and regulatory issues, corporate governance issues, and shareholder matters. The firm has a deep bench of senior SEC alumni and longstanding relationships with the stock exchanges and the proxy advisory and governance-rating services.

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