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Gibson Dunn Promotes 35 Lawyers to Partnership

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Gibson Dunn has elected 35 lawyers to its partnership, effective January 1, 2025.

Commenting on the partnership class, Gibson Dunn Chair and Managing Partner Barbara L. Becker said: “These outstanding attorneys play an important role in the life of our firm and do extraordinary work on behalf of our clients—we are excited to see everything they will continue to accomplish as members of our partnership.”

The newly elected partners are:

John Adams (Litigation / Dallas) is a Texas-focused trial lawyer whose practice involves complex commercial disputes, with an emphasis on disputes in Texas and in the oil and gas industry. He received his law degree from Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law in 2015.

Cassie Therese Aprile (International Arbitration and Litigation / London) focuses her practice on complex commercial litigation and international arbitration, representing clients across a broad range of industry sectors. She received her LL.B. from the University of Queensland in 2008.

Maxwell Ball (Mergers and Acquisitions / New York) has experience in a broad range of mergers and acquisitions transactions, with a particular focus on representing private equity sponsors in leveraged buyout acquisitions, joint venture transactions, divestitures, minority investments, leveraged recapitalizations, restructuring transactions, and other complex corporate transactions. He graduated from Harvard Law School in 2015.

Abbey A. Barrera (Privacy, Cybersecurity, and Data Innovation / San Francisco) focuses on privacy and technology litigation, counseling, and regulatory matters, and represents several technology and social media companies in complex privacy class actions. She graduated from New York University School of Law in 2014.

Alex Bluett (Projects / Paris) is an energy and infrastructure specialist, advising all types of clients (infra funds, industrials, developers, funders) across all asset classes (infrastructure, renewable energy, energy transition) in relation to their industrial contracts, their financings, and their M&A transactions. He received his law degree from the University of Cambridge Faculty of Law in 2008.

Tyler Cohen (Private Equity / Hong Kong) has experience across a broad range of private equity, M&A and corporate matters across the Asia-Pacific region, including leveraged buy-outs, growth equity investments, convertible instruments, infrastructure investments, and general corporate governance. He received his law degree from the University of Toronto Faculty of Law in 2015.

Dana Lynn Craig (Litigation / San Francisco) leads the most consequential discovery challenges our clients encounter, establishing herself as an authority in effectively and efficiently guiding all stages of the process, including motion practice, oral argument, and

Related People

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framing trial themes. She graduated from Stanford Law School in 2007.

Jakob Egle (Private Equity / London) is an experienced private equity lawyer who assists sponsor clients with purchase agreements, shareholder arrangements, management equity plans, and other transactional requirements in a cross-border context. He received his LL.M. from Columbia Law School in 2015.

Sara Ghalandari (Land Use and Development / San Francisco) focuses her practice on land use law, advising clients on all aspects of land use and development, including entitlement processes, zoning regulations, environmental documentation, and transactional agreements between private and public entities. She graduated from the University of California, Berkeley School of Law in 2010.

Gina Hancock (Executive Compensation and Employee Benefits / Dallas) focuses her practice on compensation and employee benefits aspects of corporate transactions and initial public offerings, including advising on incentive plans, employment and severance agreements, ERISA benefit plans, and corporate governance matters. She earned her JD from Georgetown University Law Center in 2015.

Nick Harper (Administrative Law and Regulatory Practice / Washington, D.C.) specializes in appeals and administrative law, with a particular focus on representing clients in the crypto sector. He received his law degree from the University of Chicago Law School in 2015.

Grace E. Hart (Litigation / New York) represents clients in a wide range of complex commercial, employment, and trade secret litigation in federal and state courts, and has significant experience in matters involving emerging and established technology companies. She received her law degree from Yale Law School in 2016.

Scott K. Hvidt (Litigation / Dallas) focuses his practice on complex civil litigation and trial advocacy and is particularly experienced in antitrust litigation and commercial disputes in Texas courts. He earned his JD from Columbia Law School in 2015.

James Jennings (Tax / New York) has a broad transactional tax practice with a focus on complex M&A and capital markets transactions, as well as a variety of tax advisory matters, and particular experience in partnership taxation. He received his law degree from the University of Virgina School of Law in 2015.

Michael J. Kahn (Securities Litigation / San Francisco) focuses his practice on securities litigation, including shareholder class actions and derivative lawsuits. He earned his JD from New York University School of Law in 2012.

Harrison A. Korn (Mergers and Acquisitions / Washington, D.C.) advises public and private companies, private equity firms, boards of directors and special committees in a wide variety of complex corporate matters, including mergers and acquisitions, asset sales and other carve-out transactions, leveraged buyouts, spin-offs, joint ventures, and strategic investments and corporate governance matters. He earned his JD from Yale Law School in 2014.

Allison Kostecka (Securities Litigation / Denver) focuses her practice on securities litigation and complex civil litigation and has advised clients facing a broad range of commercial disputes in state and federal courts, as well as with regulatory agencies. She graduated from Duke University School of Law in 2010.

Poonam G. Kumar (White Collar Defense and Investigations / Los Angeles) focuses her practice on white collar criminal defense and investigations, litigation, and trials, helping clients in a wide range of industries navigate complex civil and criminal matters. She received her law degree from the University of Michigan Law School in 2007.

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Melanie E. Neary (Capital Markets and Life Sciences / San Francisco) advises clients in the life sciences industry on a wide range of complex transactions and matters, with a particular focus on capital markets and private company financings and securities regulation and corporate governance. She earned her JD from the University of Michigan Law School in 2016.

Daniel Nowicki (Appellate and Constitutional Law / Los Angeles) focuses his practice on complex civil litigation—with an emphasis on trial advocacy and appellate brief-writing—and has litigated numerous cases at the trial and appellate level, as well as in arbitration. He received his law degree from New York University School of Law in 2014.

Andrew Robb (Intellectual Property / Palo Alto) has a wide range of experience litigating intellectual property disputes, with a focus on patent litigation. He earned his law degree from the University of Chicago Law School in 2013.

Sophie C. Rohnke (Privacy, Cybersecurity, and Data Innovation / Dallas) has broad experience defending clients in regulatory investigations and high-profile class actions, with a particular focus on technology companies facing consumer protection and data privacy issues. She received her law degree from the University of Oxford Faculty of Law and her LL.M. from Harvard Law School in 2011.

Elizabeth Romefelt (Mergers and Acquisitions / New York) has experience in a broad range of M&A transactions, including representation of both public and private companies and financial sponsors in connection with mergers, acquisitions, divestitures, joint ventures, minority investments, restructurings and other complex corporate transactions. She received her JD from The University of Texas School of Law in 2014.

David P. Salant (Litigation / New York) has a broad litigation practice focused on complex commercial, securities, and white-collar disputes in state and federal courts. He received his law degree from Harvard Law School in 2015.

Dennis Seifarth (Private Equity / Munich) focuses on private equity and M&A transactions and advises clients on complex domestic and cross-border acquisitions, leveraged buyouts, divestiture transactions, management equity programs, joint ventures, and all aspects of their M&A activities. He received his law degree in 2008 and his Dr. iur. in 2015 from the Friedrich Schiller University Jena Faculty of Law.

Stephen D. Silverman (Business Restructuring and Reorganization / New York) focuses on a broad range of restructuring and special situations matters, including comprehensive in and out of court restructurings, recapitalizations, financings and complex liability management transactions, in each case with a focus on creditor and investor side representations. He graduated from Georgetown University Law Center in 2015.

Prerna Soni (Real Estate / San Francisco) has a broad real estate practice that includes acquisitions, joint ventures, mortgage and mezzanine financings, workouts, debt restructurings, and foreclosures. She received her JD from the University of Pennsylvania Law School in 2014.

Wesley Sze (Class Actions / Palo Alto) represents clients in class actions and complex civil litigation, with a particular focus on disputes at the intersection of law, technology, and privacy. He received his law degree from Stanford Law School in 2015.

Kate Timmerman (Investment Funds / New York) specializes in the establishment and operation of private funds, as well as advising fund managers with respect to GP-led secondary transactions and advising investors with respect to their investment in private funds and transfers of interest from such funds. She earned her LL.B. from Bond University Faculty of Law in 2012.

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Todd J. Trattner (Life Sciences / San Francisco) focuses on intellectual property transactions in the life sciences industry, including royalty financings, licensing transactions, commercial agreements, asset acquisitions, and advising on complex intellectual property issues in connection with M&A and financing transactions. He earned his JD from the University of California, Berkeley School of Law in 2011.

Jessica L. Wagner (Appellate and Constitutional Law / Washington, D.C.) is an appellate litigator who brings her strong analytical skills to a range of practice areas, including administrative law, judgment enforcement, and torts, helping clients present crisp arguments before all levels of federal and state courts. She earned her JD from the University of Virginia School of Law in 2015.

Frances Waldmann (Artificial Intelligence / Los Angeles) advises clients in global regulatory compliance and enforcement, product counseling, litigation, and transactional matters related to artificial intelligence, data privacy, and emerging technologies. She received her law degree from the University of Oxford Faculty of Law in 2009.

Geoffrey E. Walter (Securities Regulation and Corporate Governance / Washington, D.C.) focuses his practice on advising public companies on a wide range of securities and governance matters, including corporate governance, shareholder activism, SEC compliance, annual meetings, investor engagement, and executive compensation. He received his law degree from Columbia Law School in 2013.

Adam Whitehouse (Mergers and Acquisitions / Houston) focuses his practice on M&A and advises clients ranging from private equity sponsors and portfolio companies to public companies, with particular experience in the energy space, including related to oil and gas, energy transition, oilfield services, and tax credit sales. He graduated from the University of Virginia School of Law in 2010.

David A. Wolber (International Trade / Hong Kong) focuses on international trade and financial crime regulatory matters, spearheading the firm's International Trade offerings in Asia, particularly around economic sanctions, export and import controls, cross border investment controls, and general geopolitical and national security-based advisory matters. He earned his JD from Georgetown University Law Center in 2011.

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