

# John S. Acton

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John Acton is a litigation associate in the Washington, D.C. office of Gibson Dunn.

John clerked for Justice Amy Coney Barrett of the Supreme Court of the United States, Judge Gregory G. Katsas of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, and Judge Britt C. Grant of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit.

John graduated *magna cum laude* from Harvard Law School. While at Harvard, he received the Morgan and Helen Chu Prize for top grades during his 3L year, was a member of the best overall team in the Ames Moot Court competition, served as the Articles Chair for the *Harvard Journal of Law & Public Policy*, and taught undergraduate constitutional law.

Prior to law school, John spent two years as a management consultant. He earned his undergraduate degree in Government from Harvard College.

John is a member of the bar of the District of Columbia. He is admitted to practice in the U.S. Courts of Appeals for the Sixth, Eleventh, and District of Columbia Circuits, as well as in the U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado.



### Capabilities

Appellate and Constitutional Law  
Administrative Law and Regulatory Practice

### Credentials

#### Education

Harvard University - 2022 Juris Doctor  
Harvard University - 2017 Bachelor of Arts

#### Admissions

District of Columbia Bar

#### Clerkships

US Supreme Court, Hon. Amy Coney Barrett, 2024 - 2025  
US Court of Appeals, DC Circuit, Hon. Gregory G. Katsas, 2023 - 2024  
US Court of Appeals, 11th Circuit, Hon. Britt C. Grant, 2022 - 2023