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Amer S. Ahmed is a partner in the New York office of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher. He is a member of Gibson Dunn's Litigation; Appellate and Constitutional Law; and Media, Entertainment and Technology Practice Groups. Amer's practice focuses on representing institutional and individual clients in a variety of high-profile litigation matters at the investigatory, trial, and appellate levels, ranging from witness preparation to product-liability actions, white-collar criminal defense, and commercial disputes. He has been recognized in *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America* (2025).

Amer has recently helped secure the reversal on appeal of a multi-million dollar punitive damages verdict in a failure-to-warn case, as well as the dismissals of a billion-dollar ERISA case in New York federal court and RICO allegations in California. Amer also has significant experience handling defamation lawsuits as counsel for both defendants and plaintiffs. In addition, he engages in substantial pro bono and volunteer efforts at Gibson Dunn, resolving satisfactorily a copyright-infringement suit brought on behalf of a Brooklyn-based artist and obtaining asylum in the United States for a Syrian refugee.

Prior to joining Gibson Dunn in August of 2012, Amer spent seven years as an associate at Williams & Connolly LLP, where he handled a variety of complex litigation matters, including the representation of pharmaceutical companies in product-liability suits, administrative challenges to agency action, false-advertising allegations, defenses to libel claims, and criminal appeals. He successfully defended *The Washington Post* against a defamation lawsuit in federal court, and a consumer-products company against deceptive-advertising claims in California. While at Williams & Connolly, Amer also served as a Co-Chair of the Legal Aid Society's annual Generous Associates Campaign and was recognized by the Washington Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs for his stewardship of a volunteer teaching program at an inner-city public school.

Amer graduated from Columbia Law School where he was named a Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar and served as an articles editor of the *Columbia Law Review*. He published his academic note, *The Last Twist of the Knife: Encouraging the Regulation of Innovative Surgical Procedures*, 105 Colum. L. Rev. 1529 (2005). Amer received his Bachelor of Arts in Human Biology, with distinction, from Stanford University, where he was a President's Scholar and was elected to the Phi Beta Kappa Society.

Amer is Co-chair of Gibson Dunn's New York Diversity Committee and a member of the Global Diversity and Professional Development Committees. He is admitted to practice in the State of New York and the District of Columbia, as well as in the Supreme Court of the United States; the United States Courts of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, Second Circuit, and Fourth Circuit; the United States District Court for the District of Columbia; and the United States District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York.

Capabilities

Litigation
Accounting Firm Advisory and Defense
Appellate and Constitutional Law
Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA) Litigation
First Amendment and Free Expression
Media, Entertainment, and Technology

Credentials

Education

Columbia University - 2005 Juris Doctor
Stanford University - 2002 Bachelor of Arts

Admissions

District of Columbia Bar
New York Bar

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