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Mark Cherry is an associate in the New York office of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher. He joined the firm's Pro Bono Practice in 2023, as a full-time Pro Bono Associate. Previously, Mark practiced in the firm's Litigation Department.

He has a broad range of litigation experience, including significant experience in pro bono matters. Recent highlights include:

- Mark was one of the lead associates in the firm's historic jury trial victory over an LAPD officer in *Jones v. City of Los Angeles* (C.D. Cal.), in which a federal jury awarded $375,000 in compensatory and punitive damages to Mr. Jones.
- Mark represented executives of the U.S. Agency for Global Media and Voice of America in First Amendment litigation against members of the Trump Administration, culminating in the firm's victory in *Turner v. USAGM* (D.D.C.), which confirmed that government-employed journalists have First Amendment rights.
- In *Thomas v. Quay*, Mark asserted constitutional claims against employees of the Bureau of Prisons arising out of violations of his client's religious liberties. The case resulted in a favorable settlement to Mr. Thomas.
- In *Chambers v. State* (Md. Ct. Spec. App.), Mark challenged his client's convictions for attempted murder and first degree assault.
- Mark has an active amicus brief practice, and has represented numerous clients in amicus briefs filed in courts around the country, including the United States Supreme Court.

From 2018 to 2019, Mark served as a law clerk for the Honorable Robert E. Bacharach of the United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit. From 2019 to 2020, he served as a law clerk to the Honorable Katherine Polk Failla of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York.

Mark received his Juris Doctor in 2016 from Columbia Law School where he was a James Kent and Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar, and served as the Executive Notes Editor of the *Columbia Human Rights Law Review*. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree, *cum laude*, from Vanderbilt University in 2013.

Mark is admitted to practice in the State of New York and before the United States District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York, as well as the United States Courts of Appeals for the Tenth, Eleventh, and District of Columbia Courts.

Capabilities

Antitrust and Competition
Appellate and Constitutional Law
National Security
Public Policy
Securities Litigation
White Collar Defense and Investigations

Credentials

Education

Columbia University - 2016 Juris Doctor
Vanderbilt University - 2013 Bachelor of Arts

Admissions

New York Bar

Clerkships

USDC, Southern District of New York, Hon. Katherine Polk Failla, 2019 - 2020
US Court of Appeals, 10th Circuit, Hon. Robert Bacharach, 2018 - 2019

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