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Jordan Estes is a partner in Gibson Dunn's New York office. A trial attorney and former federal prosecutor, she has been lead or co-lead counsel in 14 federal jury trials. She represents individuals and corporations in sensitive, complicated and often high-profile criminal and regulatory trials, hearings, investigations and other proceedings conducted by federal and state agencies, as well as in internal investigations. Jordan brings over a decade of experience in white-collar criminal law to her practice, including more than eight years with the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York. Her extensive experience and proven track record make her a formidable advocate for her clients in the most challenging legal environments.

Jordan has been lead or co-lead counsel in high-stakes criminal trials that received national news coverage. Jordan's recent experience includes the defense of Bill Hwang of Archegos Capital Management in a highly publicized 10-week trial that laid the groundwork for appeal on novel legal issues related to market manipulation. As a prosecutor in the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York, Jordan represented the government in the month-long trial of former Nikola Corporation CEO Trevor Milton for securities fraud and the two-week trial of a former Congressman Stephen Buyer for insider trading. Her jury addresses have been covered by *The New York Times*, the *Wall Street Journal*, *Reuters*, *Bloomberg*, the *New York Post*, among other news outlets, and her closing argument in *United States v. Milton* was featured in a *Law360* article entitled "How Trial Attorneys Can Craft a Winning Closing Argument." In addition to her courtroom achievements, Jordan was also recognized in the 2025 edition of *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business* as "Up and Coming" in the area of White-Collar Crime & Government Investigations in New York.

During her tenure at the U.S. Attorney's Office, Jordan served as co-chief of the General Crimes Unit and was a senior member of the Securities and Commodities Fraud Task Force. She tried 13 cases to verdict, securing convictions in all of them on charges including securities fraud, wire fraud, bank fraud, health care fraud and racketeering offenses. Her notable matters include a securities fraud trial of a CEO involved in a \$200 million bond fraud scheme; a month-long wire fraud trial of an executive of a Big Four accounting firm; a health care fraud trial of a pharmacist; and four trials involving racketeering offenses. Jordan also argued multiple cases before the Second Circuit.

As a senior member of the Securities and Commodities Fraud Task Force, Jordan led investigations and prosecutions of cryptocurrency fraud, accounting fraud, insider trading and bank fraud across various industries. She also managed relationships with stakeholders at the SEC, the CFTC, the FBI, and other federal agencies.

In her role as co-chief of the General Crimes Unit, she supervised dozens of attorneys and managed hundreds of cases, including those involving money laundering, tax fraud, health care fraud, cybercrime, threats, cyberstalking, and sex trafficking. She supervised over a dozen trials and conducted the Office's trial training program for junior prosecutors.



Capabilities

White Collar Defense and Investigations
Anti-Money Laundering
Litigation
Securities Enforcement
Securities Litigation
Trials

Credentials

Education

Harvard University - 2008 Juris Doctor
University of Mississippi - 2005 Bachelor of Arts

Admissions

New York Bar

Clerkships

US Court of Appeals, 5th Circuit, Hon.
Priscilla Richman, 2009 - 2010

USDC, Eastern District of Louisiana, Hon.
Sarah Vance, 2008 - 2009

Prior to joining Gibson Dunn, Jordan was a partner in the New York office of a major law firm. She began her legal career in the litigation practice of a leading global law firm, following prestigious clerkships with both the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana and the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals.

Jordan earned her J.D., *cum laude*, from Harvard Law School and her B.A., *summa cum laude*, from the University of Mississippi.

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