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Jordan Estes is a partner in Gibson Dunn's New York office. A seasoned trial attorney and former federal prosecutor, she has been lead or co-lead counsel in 14 federal jury trials. She represents corporations and individuals in high-stakes criminal and regulatory matters and complex civil litigation, including securities litigation and class actions. Jordan brings over 15 years of litigation experience 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 has also been repeatedly recognized by *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business* in the area of White-Collar Crime & Government Investigations in New York. She has also been recently recognized as a 2026 "Next Generation Partner" for Corporate Investigations: Advice to Individuals by *The Legal 500*.

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

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

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dozen trials and conducted the Office's trial training program for junior prosecutors.

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. Additionally, Jordan currently serves as a member of the SDNY's Criminal Justice Act Panel.

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

Representative Experience

Criminal?

- Defended Bill Hwang of Archegos in a 10-week trial for market manipulation and wire fraud in the Southern District of New York. Although Bill Hwang was convicted, the trial team won rulings excluding some of the most damaging evidence in the case and laid the groundwork for Mr. Hwang's appeal on novel legal issues related to market manipulation.
- Trial counsel for investment firm founder facing securities and wire fraud charges arising out of alleged fraud against private credit lenders in Southern District of New York and parallel SEC case.
- Represented entrepreneur in securities fraud investigation in Southern District of New York and parallel SEC investigation, each of which resulted in no charges.
- Obtained favorable resolution for private company CEO in insider trading investigation.
- Representing public company executive in DOJ Antitrust investigation.
- Representing former public company executive in bribery investigation in Eastern District of New York.
- Representing victim-witness in sex trafficking trial of the Alexander brothers in the Southern District of New York.
- Prosecuted the two-week insider trading trial of former Congressman Stephen Buyer in the Southern District of New York, delivering the closing argument that led to conviction.*
- Prosecuted the month-long securities fraud trial of Trevor Milton, the former Chairman of Nikola Motor, in the Southern District of New York, delivering the closing argument that led to conviction.*
- Prosecuted a three-week securities fraud trial in the Southern District of New York involving a $200 million bond fraud scheme, delivering the opening statement and rebuttal argument that led to conviction.*
- Prosecuted the month-long wire fraud trial of a former KPMG executive and a former PCAOB employee in the Southern District of New York, delivering the opening statement.*
- Prosecuted a three-week racketeering and gambling trial in the Southern District of New York involving the Genovese Crime Family, delivering the closing argument that led to conviction.*
- Prosecuted a two-week healthcare fraud and narcotics trial against a pharmacist in the Southern District of New York, delivering the opening statement and rebuttal argument that led to conviction.*

Civil?

- Obtained complete dismissal of $500 million contract dispute after sanctions motion for fraud on the court (*Gilimex v. Amazon.com*, S.D.N.Y. 2026).

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- Representing the former CFO of Silicon Valley Bank in connection with securities litigation and multiple governmental investigations concerning the bank's failure in March 2023.
- Representing Churchill Downs in a putative class action asserting RICO and related claims in the Eastern District of New York.
- Representing public company in putative class action asserting securities fraud claims in the Northern District of California.
- Obtained favorable settlement for an individual in a civil fraud action brought by the Federal Trade Commission in the Southern District of New York related to a cryptocurrency exchange.
- Represented major UK bank in LIBOR-related class action litigation in the Southern District of New York.*
- Won ICC arbitration for a university related to a contract dispute.*

*Prior to Gibson Dunn

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