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Robert Fairbanks is a litigation associate in the Orange County office of Gibson Dunn.

Before rejoining the firm in 2025, Robert served as a law clerk to the Honorable J. Clifford Wallace of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit and the Honorable Cormac J. Carney of the United States District Court for the Central District of California.

Robert graduated from the University of California, Berkeley, School of Law in 2022. He won the McBaine Honors Moot Court Competition, was awarded the Jamison Prize for Scholarship and Advocacy, and was elected to the Order of Barristers. While in law school, Robert externed for the Honorable Leslie E. Kobayashi of the United States District Court for the District of Hawaii and worked as a research assistant for Professor Paul Schwartz. He was also Chair of the Board of Advocates and an Articles Editor for the Berkeley Technology Law Journal.

Robert received his B.A. with high honors in History and his M.Ed. from the University of California, Santa Barbara. Prior to law school, he worked as a middle school history teacher.

Robert is admitted to practice law in the State of California and before the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. He is also an IAPP Certified Information Privacy Professional (CIPP/US).



Capabilities

Litigation
Administrative Law and Regulatory Practice
Antitrust and Competition
Appellate and Constitutional Law
Class Actions
Technology Litigation

Credentials

Education

University of California - Berkeley - 2022
Juris Doctor
University of California - Santa Barbara -
2016 Master of Education
University of California - Santa Barbara -
2015 Bachelor of Arts

Admissions

California Bar

Clerkships

US Court of Appeals, 9th Circuit, Hon. J.
Clifford Wallace, 2024 - 2025
USDC, Central District of California, Hon.
Cormac J. Carney, 2023 - 2024