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Cassandra Gaedt-Sheckter is a partner in Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher's Palo Alto office, where she co-chairs the global Artificial Intelligence (AI) practice, and is a key member of the Privacy, Cybersecurity and Data Innovation practice, including as the leader of the firm's State Privacy Law Task Force. With extensive experience advising companies on AI, data privacy, and cybersecurity issues, Cassandra focuses on strategic product counseling, regulatory compliance counseling, global program development, regulatory enforcement matters (including in connection with the California Attorney General's Office, California Privacy Protection Agency, and Federal Trade Commission), and complex transactional representations (including assisting companies with targeted assessments in M&A, joint development, vendor and outsourcing agreements). Cassandra advises clients in various industries, including technology, retail, luxury fashion, gig economy, financial, energy / oil and gas, and transportation.

Cassandra's client work and contributions to the field have led to significant industry recognition. She has been recognized by *Chambers Global* as a "Global Market Leader" and as a Top Litigator by *Chambers Nationwide* in their 2025 and 2026 Artificial Intelligence rankings. *Daily Journal* named Cassandra to their list of Top Artificial Intelligence Lawyers 2024. *Law360* recognized her as one of the top five Cybersecurity/Privacy attorneys under 40 in their Rising Stars of 2024 list. The *Legal 500* 's 2024 ranking of the firm in the Cyber Law (Including Data Privacy And Data Protection) category featured a client testimonial describing Cassandra as "always [] excellent, smart and practical. Appreciate her ability to describe common practice and give advice on reasonable assumption of risk." *Lawdragon* named Cassandra to its 2024, 2025, and 2026 100 Leading AI & Legal Tech Advisors list, which highlights "100 stellar players who capture the state of artificial intelligence in the law today, with a side of interesting legal tech." She was also named as *The Recorder*'s 2022 Women Leaders in Tech Law list, which honors "the top women attorneys whose recent achievements have contributed to progress at technology companies and in the law." *Euromoney* recognized her as a 2022 Rising Star in the Americas for Privacy and Data Protection. And the *Silicon Valley Business Journal* named her to its 2022 40 Under 40 list, which honors "tremendously impressive young professionals, doing truly ground-breaking work."

Cassandra is also a prominent thought leader in the fields of AI and privacy. She has served as Chair of the *Practicing Law Institute*'s annual AI program in 2023 and 2024. At Gibson Dunn, Cassandra plays a key role in publishing dozens of the firm's client alerts on these topics, including the comprehensive end of year publications Artificial Intelligence Review and Outlook and U.S. Cybersecurity and Data Privacy Review and Outlook. Cassandra co-wrote a chapter on "United States: Artificial Intelligence," which was published in the *Global Data Review* Insight Handbook for three years straight. In addition to legal publications, Cassandra provides numerous expert insight quotations and articles for mass media outlets. Her expertise and leadership in the AI and privacy space enable her to stay at the forefront of regulatory trends and legal changes. Cassandra also maintains a significant pro bono practice, particularly in areas related to AI and privacy.

Capabilities

Artificial Intelligence
Class Actions
Consumer Protection
Higher Education
Intellectual Property
Privacy, Cybersecurity, and Data Innovation
Robotics
State Attorneys General
Tech and Innovation

Credentials

Education

University of California - Los Angeles - 2011 Juris Doctor

University of California - Los Angeles - 2008 Bachelor of Science

Admissions

California Bar

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Cassandra is Gibson Dunn's Palo Alto office Hiring Partner, and Professional Development Committee Member. She is a member of the State Bar of California, a licensed patent attorney, and a Certified Information Privacy Professional (CIPP/US).

Cassandra received her law degree from the UCLA Law in 2011, where she was elected to the Order of the Coif and graduated undergrad with a Bachelor of Science degree in Anthropology, and a minor in Political Science.

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