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Dylan Gunaratne is an associate in the Los Angeles office of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher, where his practice focuses on assisting corporate teams with conducting due diligence in M&A transactions and assisting litigation teams in defending corporate clients on labor and employment matters.

Dylan earned his J.D. from the accelerated SCALE program at Southwestern Law School, where he distinguished himself as the Student Commencement Speaker at the 2023 graduation, received recognition as a Law Student of the Year from *The National Jurist*, and was awarded the Butterworth Prize for earning the highest GPA at the end of his first year. He also served as a Judicial Extern for The Honorable Joseph A. Brandolino of the Los Angeles Superior Court and The Honorable Kim McLane Wardlaw of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, and was a Summer Associate in Gibson Dunn's Los Angeles office.

Throughout law school, Dylan was involved in student leadership, including serving as an ABA Representative for the Student Bar Association, an editor of the *Southwestern Law Review*, and President of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) chapter. He was also part of the Entertainment and the Arts Legal Clinic and worked as a teaching assistant for several professors.

Before law school, Dylan gained valuable experience at Sony Pictures Entertainment, working in both franchise marketing for television and branded integration for film, where he primarily assisted with executing product placement deals for major film titles, including *Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle*, *Spider-Man: Far From Home*, and *Venom*, among others. At Sony, he also served as Communications Chair for the OUT@SPE employee business resource group. Later, as a Licensing Coordinator at Nelvana Enterprises, a Corus Entertainment company, he assisted with the execution of merchandise licensing deals and launched the company's OUT at Corus LGBTQ+ employee resource group where he served as the National Co-Chair.

Dylan maintains an active pro bono practice, assisting teams with advising nonprofit clients on corporate matters and supporting LGBTQ+ communities and families through litigation matters.

In addition to his legal practice, Dylan has spoken at TEDx, where he shared his insights as a Crisis Line Counselor for a national suicide prevention lifeline, further showcasing his commitment to raising awareness around mental health issues.

Capabilities

Labor and Employment

Media, Entertainment, and Technology

Mergers and Acquisitions

Privacy, Cybersecurity, and Data Innovation

Credentials

Education

Southwestern Law School - 2023 Juris Doctor

California State University - Los Angeles - 2018 Bachelor of Arts

Admissions

California Bar

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