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Zakiyyah Salim-Williams serves as Partner and Chief Diversity and Inclusion Officer of Gibson Dunn. Ms. Salim-Williams leads various diversity and inclusion efforts, driving the firm's commitment to building an inclusive culture that enables all to thrive. In addition, Zakiyyah is the co-leader of Gibson Dunn's DEI Task Force.

She also actively engages in pro bono matters; most recently working in an advisory and administrative role for the Board of The Alliance for Asian American Justice, a non-profit organization created in response to the surge in anti-Asian violence across the United States. Ms. Salim-Williams is also an active member of a number of organizations outside of the firm. She is a Director on the New York Junior Tennis & Learning Board, as well as a founding member and advisor of the National Business Coalition for Child Care.

Prior to joining the firm, Ms. Salim-Williams served as the Director of Diversity for the New York City Bar Association. She served as a clerk for the District Court for the Eastern District of New York, the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, and was an associate attorney at two global law firms. Ms. Salim-Williams also worked as an intern for the NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund and for the White House Office of Counsel to the President.

Ms. Salim-Williams earned her Juris Doctor in 2001 from Columbia Law School, where she was a Harlan Fiske Scholar. In 1998, she received her undergraduate degree in Political Science from Howard University, where she graduated *summa cum laude.*

Capabilities

Higher Education

Credentials

Education

Columbia University - 2001 Juris Doctor
Howard University - 1998 Bachelor of Arts

Admissions

New York Bar
District of Columbia Bar

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