

# Robert Blake Watson

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Robert B. Watson is an associate in the Washington, D.C., office of Gibson Dunn, where he currently practices in the firm's Litigation Department.

Robert earned his Juris Doctor from the University of Pennsylvania School of Law in 2023, where he served as graduate student body president and was a member of the *Journal of Law and Social Change*. Robert received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from the University of California, Los Angeles, where he served as UCLA's student body president, graduated *magna cum laude*, and was elected into college honors and phi beta kappa. Robert also holds a Master of Science degree in Education Policy from the University of Pennsylvania.

Prior to joining Gibson Dunn, Robert served as a term law clerk for the Honorable Robert D. Mariani, United States District Judge for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, from 2023 to 2024.

### Publications:

- Robert B. Watson & Neha Srinivasan, Conduct-as-Status in Skrametti's Gender-Affirming Care Bans, 102 Denv. L. Rev. --- (Forthcoming 2025).
- Robert B. Watson & Neha Srinivasan, Under (Conduct-Based) Attack: Familiar Discrimination and the Trans Care Bans, 26 Geo. J. Gender & L. --- (Forthcoming 2025).
- Robert B. Watson, A New Sex Education: The Title IX Defense Against "Don't Say Gay", 57 Ind. L. Rev. 403, 403 (2023).
- Robert B. Watson, Applying Bostock: The Queer Case Against Public Single-Sex Schooling, 51 J.L. & Educ. 185 (2022).



### Capabilities

Appellate and Constitutional Law  
Crisis Management  
International Trade Advisory and Enforcement  
Labor and Employment  
Litigation  
National Security  
Public Policy  
Trials  
White Collar Defense and Investigations

### Credentials

#### Education

University of Pennsylvania - 2023 Master of Science  
University of Pennsylvania - 2023 Juris Doctor  
University of California - Los Angeles - 2020 Bachelor of Arts

#### Admissions

District of Columbia Bar  
Kentucky Bar

#### Clerkships

USDC, Middle District of Pennsylvania, Hon. Robert D. Mariani, 2023 - 2024