

# Webcasts: Gibson Dunn's Annual California MCLE Marathon – 2023

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## SEC Update

Recently adopted and proposed rules and comment letter trends.

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**PANELISTS:** **Mike Titera** is a partner in the Orange County office of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher and a member of the Firm's Securities Regulation and Corporate Governance Practice Group. His practice focuses on advising public companies regarding securities disclosure and compliance matters, financial reporting, and corporate governance. Mr. Titera often advises clients on accounting and auditing matters and the use of non-GAAP financial measures. He also has represented clients in investigations conducted by the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority. Mr. Titera's clients range from large-cap companies with global operations to small-cap companies in the pre-revenue phase. His clients operate in a range of sectors, including the retail, technology, pharmaceutical, hospitality, and financial services sectors. **Stephen W. Fackler** is a partner in the Firm's Palo Alto and New York offices and Co-Chair of Gibson Dunn's Executive Compensation and Employee Benefits Practice Group. Mr. Fackler has extensive experience nationwide advising public and private companies, private equity funds and boards of directors on compensation and benefits matters. He also regularly advises senior executives on their employment and severance arrangements, and directors in connection with compensation and indemnification arrangements. Mr. Fackler serves as Chair of the Certification Council for the Certified Equity Professional Institute, the leading certification program in the United States for stock plan professionals. He also serves as outside counsel for the Global Equity Organization, the leading international trade association for stock plan professionals. **Daniela L. Stolman** is a partner in Gibson Dunn's Century City office and a member of the firm's Private Equity, Mergers and Acquisitions, Capital Markets and Securities Regulation and Corporate Governance practice groups. She advises companies and private equity firms across a wide range of industries, focusing on public and private merger transactions, stock and asset sales, and public and private capital-raising transactions. Ms. Stolman also advises public companies with respect to securities regulation and corporate governance matters, including periodic reporting and disclosure matters, Section 16, Rule 144, and insider trading. Ms. Stolman has been named as a "Rising Star" by *Southern California Super Lawyers* since 2014. *The Deal* also named her as a "Rising Star," which recognizes new M&A partners who are 'deemed by *The Deal* to be one of the most promising of 2019.' She was named a 2019 "Rising Star" by *Law360* for private equity. The list recognizes "attorneys under 40 whose legal accomplishments transcend their age." **Victor Twu** is an associate in the Orange County office of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher, where he currently practices in the firm's Corporate Department. His practice is focused on securities regulation and corporate governance (including matters relating to ESG and sustainability, investor engagement, shareholder activism) and other general corporate matters. Mr. Twu has assisted clients of all sizes, ranging from pre-IPO companies to large-cap companies with global operations. His clients operate in a variety of sectors, including retail, technology, and life sciences. Mr. Twu earned his J.D. from the University of California, Berkeley, School of Law in 2016, where he served as a member of the *Asian American Law Journal* and the *Berkeley Journal of Entertainment & Sports Law*.

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**Florentino Salazar** is an associate in the Los Angeles office of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher. He is a member of the firm's Corporate Department and a member of the firm's Executive Compensation and Employee Benefits Practice Group. His practice focuses on all aspects of executive compensation and employee benefits. Mr. Salazar's practice encompasses tax, ERISA, accounting, corporate, and securities law aspects of equity and other incentive compensation plans and executive employment and severance arrangements. Prior to joining Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher, Mr. Salazar was a corporate associate in the Executive Compensation Group at Davis Polk & Wardwell in New York. Mr. Salazar received his law degree from Columbia Law School in 2013 where he was a Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar and served as Executive Editor of the *Columbia Human Rights Law Review*. He earned a Master of Arts in Special Education from Loyola Marymount University in 2010 and a Bachelor of Arts from Yale University in 2008.

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## Attorney-Client Privilege for in House Counsel: Ethical and Practical Considerations

Attorney-Client Privilege for in House Counsel: Ethical and Practical Considerations will address the intersection of attorney ethics and the attorney-client privilege and work product doctrines, with particular focus on how they apply to the day-to-day work of in-house counsel, including advising internal business partners, conducting internal investigations, and working with auditors and outside consultants.

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**PANELISTS:** **Diana M. Feinstein** is a partner in the Los Angeles office of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher. She is a member of the firm's Securities Litigation and White Collar Defense and Investigations Practice Groups. Ms. Feinstein's practice focuses on complex litigation, including securities litigation and high-value commercial litigation. She also focuses on white collar defense and investigations. She has handled matters across a variety of industries, including financial services, technology, entertainment, insurance, healthcare, transportation, real estate, manufacturing, and consumer products. Ms. Feinstein has represented clients in state and federal courts and before arbitration panels in a variety of matters across the United States in cases involving breach of contract, shareholder disputes, breach of fiduciary duty claims, fraud claims, securities law violations, employment disputes and other matters. She is highly experienced in business cases involving large teams of lawyers, often litigating in multiple fora, and frequently with the added complication of government investigations or enforcement actions. **Joseph R. Rose** is a partner elect in the San Francisco office of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher. He is a member of Gibson Dunn's Litigation, Labor and Employment, Class Actions, Antitrust and Competition, and Law Firm Defense Practice Groups. Mr. Rose's practice focuses on complex commercial litigation, high-stakes employment disputes, class actions, antitrust matters, and law firm defense. He has experience at all stages of litigation, including obtaining key victories at trial and winning pivotal motions to dismiss and to defeat class certification. Mr. Rose also regularly guides clients through internal investigations, and has achieved favorable resolution of state and federal government and regulatory inquiries on behalf of technology companies, financial institutions, healthcare organizations, and manufacturers. **Casey J. McCracken** is a partner elect in the Orange County office of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP and a member of the Litigation and Intellectual Property practice groups. His practice focuses on complex commercial litigation, with a focus on technology litigation, including patent litigation, software copyright, contract disputes, and licensing. Casey has successfully represented clients in numerous high-stakes intellectual property cases and several trials, including "bet the company" cases and cases alleging damages over \$1 billion. His work spans a variety of technologies, including cellular network technology, software, digital devices, smartphones, medical devices, and mechanical apparatuses. Casey also has substantial experience litigating business contract and tort claims that often accompany patent and copyright infringement suits, including breach of contract, false advertising, unfair competition, and interference. Additionally, he has also represented technology companies and their directors in class actions, including, data privacy, employment discrimination and breach of fiduciary duty cases.

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## Navigating Through Changing Business / Economic Cycles

Members of Gibson Dunn's Business Restructuring and Reorganization Group will address legal and ethical issues that are triggered when companies are in financial distress. This includes an in-depth discussion of specific issues with respect to fiduciary duties that directors and shareholders should consider when a company is facing financial trouble or insolvency. In addition, the presentation will analyze how contractual relationships with companies in distress may be impacted by actual or threatened bankruptcy proceedings, and how companies can best protect themselves in the event a key customer or other relationship party files for chapter 11.

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**PANELISTS:** [Robert A. Klyman](#) is a partner in the Los Angeles office of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher and Co-Chair of Gibson Dunn's Business Restructuring and Reorganization Practice Group. In his international practice, Mr. Klyman represents companies, lenders, ad hoc groups of secured and unsecured creditors, acquirers and boards of directors in all phases of restructurings and workouts. His experience includes representing lenders and bondholders in complex workouts; advising debtors in connection with traditional, prepackaged and 'pre-negotiated' bankruptcies; counseling strategic and financial players who acquire debt or provide financing as a path to take control of companies in bankruptcy; structuring and implementing numerous asset sales through Section 363 of the Bankruptcy Code; and litigating complex bankruptcy and commercial matters arising in chapter 11 cases, both at trial and on appeal. [Michael Neumeister](#) is a partner in the Los Angeles office of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher. He is a member of the Business Restructuring & Reorganization Group and the Corporate Department. Mr. Neumeister has a wide array of experience in representing clients in bankruptcy and restructuring matters in many different industries. His representations have included representing debtors and lenders in in-court and out-of-court restructurings, and buyers in large and small bankruptcy sales. Mr. Neumeister also has a broad range of experience litigating bankruptcy and other distressed debt issues in bankruptcy court, state court, and in courts of appeal. Mr. Neumeister is currently a member of the Financial Lawyers Conference, the American Bankruptcy Institute, Turnaround Management Association, and the Los Angeles County Bar Association. [Matthew G. Bouslog](#) is of counsel in the Orange County office of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher where he practices in the firm's Business Restructuring and Reorganization Practice Group. Mr. Bouslog specializes in representing companies in complex restructuring matters. Mr. Bouslog has been recognized since 2021 in *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch* for his work in (i) Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law, (ii) Mergers and Acquisitions Law, and (iii) Real Estate Law. Mr. Bouslog frequently represents debtors, creditors, and other interested parties in out-of-court and in-court restructurings, distressed acquisitions, and bankruptcy-related litigation. A significant number of Mr. Bouslog's matters have involved cross-border issues. In addition to Mr. Bouslog's restructuring expertise, he has represented lenders and borrowers in real estate and other finance transactions.

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## Post-Pandemic Wellness: Attorney Mental Health 101

The Attorney Mental Health 101 course is designed to help legal professionals recognize signs and symptoms of mental health distress and use resources to provide appropriate and confidential support. Participants will be provided with action plans for various mental health distresses to include, depression, anxiety, panic attack, co-morbidity of mental disorders and much more. Additional skills will be taught including empathetic communication/listening skills and appropriate methods for self-care following the application of Mental Health First Aid.

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**PANELISTS:** [Tiaunia N. Henry](#) is a partner in Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher's Los Angeles office where she is a member of the firm's Litigation Department with a diverse practice that focuses primarily on complex business litigation, including antitrust, breach of contract and transnational cases. As an experienced litigator and trial attorney, she has represented clients in various industries including the oil and gas, medical device, media

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and entertainment, semiconductor, paper manufacturing and information technology consulting industries. Ms. Henry has extensive experience representing multinational corporations, both foreign and domestic, in disputes that involve litigation pending in multiple jurisdictions, including the development of legal strategies to avoid inconsistent rulings, preclusion of claims, and/or waiver of defenses in subsequent litigation. [Melanie Gertz](#) is an associate in the San Francisco office of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher. She currently practices in the firm's Corporate Department. Ms. Gertz's practice is focused on capital markets transactions and mergers & acquisitions, and includes representation of clients in connection with corporate governance and Exchange Act reporting matters?.

**James Keshavarz** is the Chief Wellness Officer for Gibson Dunn, and is a Doctor of Psychology candidate, has his MBA in Health Care Management and a MS in Exercise Science and Health Promotion. James is also an appointed American Bar Association Commission on Lawyers Assistant Programs Committee member and the Chair of the Institute for Well-Being in Law Awards Committee. As a student of psychology, James specializes in intrinsic motivation, transformational leadership, and emotional intelligence. Prior to working for Gibson Dunn James was a practicing Exercise Physiologist specializing in injury prevention and performance enhancement. James was also an adjunct instructor of Kinesiology and Health Sciences at Glendale Community College and was awarded the Distinguished Professor Award in 2019. Serving in the United States Air Force Reserves, James was awarded the Airman of the Year award in 2018 for the work he did to improve resiliency for the 452nd Air Mobility Wing. He was also awarded the Air Force Humanitarian Medal in 2022 for the work he did in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Working with Global Wellness Manager Melissa de Carvalho, James has a passion for improving work-life synergy for the legal professionals at Gibson Dunn by implementing benefits and programs that improve mental health and overall well-being.

#### **Qualifications:**

- Mental Health First Aid Instructor – National Council For Mental Well-being
- Master Resilience Trainer – United States Air Force
- Injury Prevention & Performance Enhancement Specialist – National Academy of Sports Medicine
- Basic Life Support Instructor – American Heart Association

#### **Education:**

- AS - Healthcare Management - College of the Air Force
- BA - History (Pre-Law) - California State University of Los Angeles
- MS - Exercise Science and Health Promotion – PennWest California
- MBA - Healthcare Management - California Coast University
- PsyD - Psychology - University of Arizona (In Progress)

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## **Privacy in 2023: Compliance and Product Counseling in the New Year**

We will discuss effective product counseling, particular with respect to privacy considerations. We will first discuss what is privacy compliance and product counseling, how to provide advice, and what to consider. Next, we will dive into the specifics of privacy compliance and product counseling issues for the new year, as multiple new laws come into effect, and litigation waves force new areas of focus. Finally, we will discuss pointers on key issues keeping counsel up at night, including trends on addressing some of the thornier areas of compliance and product development.

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**PANELISTS: Cassandra Gaedt-Sheckter** is a partner in the Palo Alto office of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher. She practices in the firm's Privacy, Cybersecurity and Data Innovation group, with a focus on data privacy, cybersecurity and data regulatory litigation,

enforcement, transactional, and counseling representations. Ms. Gaedt-Sheckter has substantial experience advising companies on privacy and cybersecurity issues, including relating to legal and regulatory compliance with the California Consumer Privacy Act (CCPA), General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), Children's Online Privacy Protection Rules (COPPA), and other federal, state, and international laws and regulations. She also has extensive experience counseling on data breach response management and notification concerns, and privacy and cybersecurity compliance risk assessments. Ms. Gaedt-Sheckter further represents clients across industries—including consumer product, software, manufacturing, home appliance service, and healthcare companies—in the context of product and program development, merger and acquisition privacy and cybersecurity due diligence, and pre-litigation negotiation. She has significant experience in all aspects of litigation—particularly relating to privacy, cybersecurity, and patent claims—serving as lead associate on expert and fact discovery and pre-trial hearings and briefing, and participating in multiple bench and jury trials. **Vivek Mohan** is a partner in Gibson Dunn's Palo Alto office, where he is Co-Chair of the Artificial Intelligence and Automated Systems practice and a member of the Privacy, Cybersecurity and Data Innovation practice. Vivek advises clients on legal, regulatory, compliance, and policy issues on a global scale with a focus on cutting-edge technology issues. His practice spans regulatory response, counseling, advocacy, and transactional matters allowing him to provide clients with strategic advice whether they are responding to a regulatory inquiry, setting up a privacy program, responding to a data breach, or selling the company. During his time at Apple, Vivek managed a team of lawyers responsible for privacy counseling for all software, biometric, augmented reality (AR), artificial intelligence/machine learning (AI/ML), and search products, and served as lead counsel for information security.

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## AAPI Attacks and Moving Beyond

This course will provide a general overview of discrimination and prejudice against Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) communities is not a new phenomenon. Yet the COVID-19 pandemic has brought with it a resurgence in anti-AAPI harassment and hate crimes, and, too, broader attention to a longstanding problem and an updated call to action. This presentation will first outline the magnitude of the problem, both the historical background of racism against AAPI communities and the more recent wave of anti-Asian hate crimes that began in early 2020 and has continued through 2022. We will then examine the various implicit biases that may cause, perpetuate, or fail to combat continued anti-AAPI violence, discuss the Firm's efforts, in particular the founding of the Alliance of Asian American Justice and the work by Firm attorneys done in coordination with the Alliance, and will conclude by outlining possible paths forward as we continue to combat anti-AAPI hate.

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**PANELISTS: Debra Wong Yang** is a partner in Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher's Los Angeles office. Reflective of her broad practice and comprehensive abilities, Ms. Yang is Chair of the Crisis Management Practice Group, former Chair of the White Collar Defense and Investigations Practice Group, which includes the FCPA Practice Group, and former Chair of the Information Technology and Data Privacy Practice Group. She is also a member of the firm's Executive Committee. Drawing on her depth of experience and record of success, Ms. Yang focuses part of her practice on strategic counseling. She leads critical representations, both high profile and highly confidential, involving a wide variety of industries, economic sectors, regulatory bodies, law enforcement agencies, global jurisdictions and all types of proceedings. Her clients are in the private and public sectors. She guides teams of attorneys and outside consultants in the development and implementation of strategies to achieve the most favorable outcomes, greatest protection of reputational interests, and minimizing of harm to the business assets. Ms. Yang has a strong background in addressing and resolving problems across the white collar litigation spectrum, including through corporate and individual representations, internal investigations, crisis management and compliance. **Robert K. Hur** is a partner in the Washington, D.C. office of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher, and Co-Chair of the Firm's Crisis Management Practice Group. A seasoned trial lawyer and advocate, he brings decades of

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experience in government and in private practice, including service in senior leadership positions with the U.S. Department of Justice, to guide companies and individuals facing white-collar criminal matters, regulatory proceedings and enforcement actions, internal investigations, and related civil litigation. He is also a member of the firm's White Collar Defense and Investigations Practice Group and the National Security Practice Group. Prior to joining Gibson Dunn, Mr. Hur served as the 48th United States Attorney for the District of Maryland. Presidentially appointed and unanimously confirmed by the United States Senate, he served from 2018 to 2021 as the chief federal law enforcement officer in Maryland, setting strategic priorities for and supervising one of the largest and busiest U.S. Attorney's Offices in the nation. During his tenure as United States Attorney, the Office handled numerous high-profile matters including those involving national security, cybercrime, public corruption, and financial fraud. In pursuit of sophisticated and impactful cases, Mr. Hur partnered closely with other enforcement agencies including the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, the Department of Health and Human Services Office of Inspector General, and the Maryland Attorney General's Office. He also hired dozens of attorneys from diverse backgrounds to bring the Office to its maximum staffing level and as a member of the Attorney General's Advisory Committee, counseled the Attorney General on matters of policy, procedure, and management. **Poonam Kumar** is of counsel in the Los Angeles office of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher and a member of its White Collar Defense & Investigations and Litigation practice groups. She is a former federal prosecutor with significant first-chair trial experience and an extensive background in handling high-stakes criminal and civil matters across a broad range of practice areas. From 2014 to 2022, Poonam served as an Assistant United States Attorney in the United States Attorney's Office for the Central District of California where she investigated and prosecuted complex financial crimes, including corporate and securities fraud, embezzlement, healthcare fraud, bank fraud, import/export crimes, tax crimes, and money laundering. Poonam was a Deputy Chief of the Major Frauds section where she supervised a large team of federal fraud prosecutors. Representative matters from her time at the U.S. Attorney's Office include the investigation and prosecution of a multinational scheme to inflate revenue of a company publicly traded on a foreign exchange and to evade nearly \$2 billion in import duties as well as the conviction at trial of a South Korean official for laundering bribes he received in connection with his government position. For her work with the Department of Justice, Poonam received the United States Attorney General's John Marshall Award for Outstanding Achievement in 2020. **Cynthia Chen McTernan** is an associate in the Los Angeles office of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher. She is a member of the Firm's Litigation, Class Actions, and Labor & Employment Practice Groups. Ms. McTernan has represented clients in a wide range of complex litigation and has significant experience in all phases of litigation in both state and federal courts. Ms. McTernan was recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America*® 2022 and 2023 "Ones to Watch" in Commercial Litigation. Ms. McTernan serves on the Board of Directors for Cancer Support Community Los Angeles, which provides comprehensive care and support to those impacted by cancer, with a focus on under-resourced communities.

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## Supreme Court Roundup

This presentation will review statistics and trends from the October 2021 term and preview key cases in the October 2022 term in the fields of intellectual property, constitutional law, voting rights, administrative law, and employment law.

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**PANELISTS:** **Blaine H. Evanson's** practice focuses on complex commercial litigation both in the trial court and on appeal. He is a member of the firm's Appellate and Constitutional Law, Class Actions, Labor and Employment, and Intellectual Property practice groups. Mr. Evanson has represented clients in a wide variety of appellate matters in the Supreme Court of the United States and federal and state appellate courts around the country. He has briefed several dozen appeals across almost every federal court of appeals and many state appellate courts, and has argued several appeals in the Ninth Circuit and California's Courts of Appeal. In the trial court, Mr. Evanson has broad commercial litigation experience, particularly with complex motion practice before, during,

and after trial. **Lauren Blas** is a partner in the Los Angeles office of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher where her practice focuses on class actions, labor and employment litigation, and complex commercial litigation in the trial courts and on appeal. In 2021, Ms. Blas was recognized as a “Rising Star” by *Law360*, which recognizes top litigators and dealmakers practicing at a level usually seen from veteran attorneys. She was also recognized by *The Best Lawyers in America*® 2021 “Ones to Watch” in Labor and Employment and has been named a “Rising Star” in Class Actions/Mass Torts and Appellate Litigation in Southern California by *Super Lawyers Magazine* for multiple years. Ms. Blas represents clients in class actions in state and federal court and has litigated a wide range of appellate matters as well. She has special expertise in California employment class actions and class actions under California’s consumer protection statutes, including the Unfair Competition Law, the False Advertising Law, and the Consumers Legal Remedies Act. **Elizabeth A. Dooley** is a senior associate in the San Francisco office of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP. Her practice primarily focuses on appellate and employment matters. She is a member of the Firm’s Hiring Committee. Ms. Dooley’s appellate experience includes arguing before the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals and authoring briefs filed in the United States Supreme Court as well as state and federal appellate courts. Having spent law school and the entirety of her legal career in California, Ms. Dooley has particularly robust experience before the Ninth Circuit and the California Courts of Appeal. From 2013-2014, Ms. Dooley clerked for the Honorable Kim McLane Wardlaw of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals and from 2015-2016, Ms. Dooley clerked for Ninth Circuit Judge, Hon. Michele T. Friedland. Ms. Dooley’s labor & employment experience includes extensive motions practice at the trial court level and appellate work in both state and federal courts—including taking matters directly from a successful dispositive motion through defense on appeal. Ms. Dooley’s experience also includes litigating large, complex putative class actions and collective actions in federal courts, including in cases involving alleged discrimination and alleged independent contractor misclassification.

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## ESG Opportunities & Pitfalls

ESG (Environmental, Social, Governance) is becoming an increasingly important area as consumers and investors are demanding that companies take actions to invest in new ESG technology and initiatives. This presentation will cover drivers for why ESG matters for public companies, how companies should draft disclosures around ESG, and some areas currently seeing increased litigation around ESG topics and tips to try to minimize litigation risk.

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**PANELISTS:** **Perlette Jura** is a partner in Gibson Dunn’s Los Angeles and Washington, D.C. offices. Her practice focuses on complex trial and appellate litigation. She co-chairs the firm’s Transnational Litigation Group and its Environmental Social Governance practice. She has played a key role in a number of the firm’s most high-profile transnational, environmental and technology-driven matters. Ms. Jura has extensive experience working with the food and beverage, agricultural, aerospace, automotive, emerging technology and energy industries. In 2021, *Lawdragon* featured Ms. Jura on their “Global Litigation 500” list and in 2022-2023 named her as one of the “500 Leading Litigators in America”, which recognizes those who specialize in international arbitration, public international law and advise leading corporations. She was recognized by *Benchmark Litigation* as one of the “Top 250 Women in Litigation” in 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022. *Benchmark Litigation* has also featured Ms. Jura as a California “Litigation Star” for 2023. The *Los Angeles Business Journal* named Ms. Jura to its list of “Most Influential Women Lawyers” in Los Angeles, featuring 50 of the most accomplished female attorneys working in the region. In 2020, BTI Consulting Group honored Ms. Jura a Client Service All-Star, an attorney “who stand[s] above all the others in delivering the absolute best in client service.” **Aaron Briggs** is a partner in Gibson Dunn’s San Francisco office and a member of the firm’s Securities Regulation and Corporate Governance Practice Group. Mr. Briggs’ practice focuses on advising technology, life sciences and other companies and their boards of directors on a wide range of securities and governance matters, including ESG, corporate governance, SEC disclosure and compliance, shareholder activism, executive compensation, investor communications, disclosure effectiveness and stakeholder engagement matters. Prior to re-joining the firm in 2018, Mr.

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Briggs served as Executive Counsel – Corporate, Securities & Finance at General Electric. **Emily Riff** is an associate in the Denver office of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher, where she is a member of the firm’s Litigation Department, with a particular focus on class actions and complex civil litigation. Ms. Riff has substantial experience representing clients at the trial and appellate level. In the technology space, she has litigated high-profile matters for clients in a range of cutting-edge cases, including many involving Section 230 of the Communications Decency Act as well as other theories of liability under ever-changing state and federal law. Ms. Riff has also represented companies involving claims related to consumer protection, particularly in high-stakes and multi-jurisdictional class actions, and has developed comprehensive strategies to address novel theories of liability and to leverage the procedural complexities involved in these multi-jurisdictional matters. In addition to litigating these matters, she also provides counseling and advice to clients on a wide range of environmental, social, and governance issues.

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