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40 Under 40 Class of 2023:

Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher's Vivek Mohan

Growing up close to Apple's headquarters in Cupertino, Vivek Mohan has spent his entire life immersed in the technology world.

As a partner in the privacy, cybersecurity and data innovation practice at international law firm Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP, he advises the tech industry on legal, regulatory, compliance and policy matters. He also serves as cochair of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher's artificial intelligence practice group.

"I'm able to bring a little flavor of being someone who understands tech companies at their core, but also did work at a global scale on laws and regulations to think of how to navigate those waters," Mohan said. "Helping companies work their way through that is what I find really rewarding. Part of that is seeing people use products and services that I've had a hand in helping design and develop."

He has paid forward his legal experience in the community, too, by helping the San Jose Astronomical Association with negotiations around the location of one of its telescopes in a place where the public can use it. It was a full-circle moment for him: Mohan's mom, a big astronomy fan, regularly took him to the group's stargazing parties when he was a kid.

On top of his high-volume practice and community engagement, Mohan always makes time for mentoring.

"I've benefited tremendously from great mentorship, and I continue to benefit from great mentorship and guidance," he said. Doing his part to pass that on is vital to helping people find enjoyment in their work, he added.



ABOUT VIVEK MOHAN

Age: 35

Residence: Belmont

Education: Bachelor of Arts, economics, University of California, Berkeley; J.D., Columbia University

Company location: Palo Alto

Industry: Law

Best advice you've ever received:

Never stop learning.

Best stress reliever: Building Legos with my daughter.

