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Gibson Dunn Names Largest Partner Class In Firm History

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Law360 (December 17, 2025, 3:22 PM EST) -- Gibson Dunn & Crutcher LLP has promoted its largest partner class in history, promoting 42 attorneys in 17 offices across the globe, effective Jan. 1, the firm announced Wednesday.

Of the newly promoted attorneys, 26% of the class is based in London, which marks the largest partner promotion group ever in that office, according to Gibson Dunn. The firm added that 40% of the promotion class is located in offices outside the United States, significantly exceeding prior years.

"Each member of this incredibly talented group of lawyers does remarkable work on behalf of our clients and makes extraordinary contributions to our firm's community," Barbara Becker, the chair and managing partner of Gibson Dunn, said in Wednesday's announcement. "We are thrilled to welcome them to our partnership."

Gibson Dunn Elevates 43 to Partnership

Partner	Office	Practice area
Katherine Nobbs	Brussels	Antitrust and competition
Carissa H. Zidell	Century City, Calif.	Real estate
Brian Richman	Dallas	Appellate and constitutional law
Rachel W. Robertson	Dallas	Litigation
Laura J. Plack	Denver	White collar defense and investigations
Sameera Kimatrai	Dubai, UAE	Fintech and digital assets
Ning Ning	Hong Kong	White collar defense and investigations
Andy Chen	Houston	Finance

Tyler R. Cox	Houston	Private equity
Prerak Shah	Houston	Litigation
Valeri Bozhikov	London	Antitrust and competition
James Chandler	London	Tax
Osvaldo A. Galeano	London	Mergers and acquisitions
Jonathan Griffin	London	Litigation
Graham Haselgrove	London	Real estate
Tom Jackson	London	Transportation and space
Mark Leverkus	London	Transportation and space
Claire Shepherd	London	Antitrust and competition
Michael S. Skouras	London	Private equity
Matthew Squire	London	Business restructuring and reorganization
Alana Tinkler	London	Antitrust and competition
Daniel R. Adler	Los Angeles	Appellate and constitutional Law
Dione Garlick	Los Angeles	Litigation
Shaun A. Mathur	Los Angeles	Litigation
Lauren Traina	Los Angeles	Real estate
Friedrich A. Wagner	Munich	Transnational litigation
Michal Baum	New York	Real estate
Delyan M. Dimitrov	New York	Transnational litigation
David M. Kusnetz	New York	Litigation
Joseph Edmonds	Orange County, Calif.	Environmental litigation and mass tort
Jennafer M. Tryck	Orange County, Calif.	Litigation

Tom Brower	Palo Alto, Calif.	Finance
Jeff Lombard	Palo Alto, Calif.	Securities litigation
Charles Peugnet	Paris	Business restructuring and reorganization
Eli M. Lazarus	San Francisco	Antitrust and competition
Claude Jiang	Singapore	Projects
David W. Casazza	Washington, D.C.	Appellate and constitutional law
Melanie L. Katsur	Washington, D.C.	Antitrust and competition
Derek K. Kraft	Washington, D.C.	Litigation
Anna M. McKenzie	Washington, D.C.	Labor and employment
Ankita Ritwik	Washington, D.C.	International arbitration
Trenton J. Van Oss	Washington, D.C.	Appellate and constitutional law

Note: Effective Jan. 1, 2026

Source: Gibson Dunn

A firm spokesperson did not immediately respond to a request for comment Wednesday.

In 2024, Gibson Dunn elected 35 lawyers from across the firm to its partnership, the same number as in November 2023.

Gibson Dunn had a busy 2025, kicking off the year with the appointment of resolution expert Osma Hudda and real estate finance lawyer Rob Carr as the new partners in charge of the London office.

Later in January, the firm launched a specialized immigration task force aimed at providing clients with up-to-date alerts on the "anticipated complexities and rapid changes in the immigration landscape" under the Trump administration.

In February, the firm welcomed Matthew Axelrod to the white collar defense and investigations practice group and as co-chair of its new sanctions and export enforcement practice group. He most recently served three years as assistant secretary for export enforcement at the U.S. Department of Commerce's Bureau of Industry and Security during the Biden administration.

Gibson Dunn launched a state attorneys general task force made up of subject-matter experts and former government attorneys based in offices across the country in May.

In July, the firm launched a new group focused on aerospace and defense. In the same month, Christopher Harris KC joined the firm as co-chair of its international arbitration and judgment and arbitral award enforcement practice groups.

In November, Gibson Dunn welcomed Duncan K.R. McKay from Fried Frank Harris Shriver & Jacobson LLP to serve as head of fund finance.

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