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For Gibson Dunn Partner, NYC Marathon Training Provides Connection to Clients and Community

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What You Need to Know

- Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher partner Kate Timmerman is running her fourth marathon on Sunday.
- Timmerman is running for The Bowery Mission, a nonprofit supporting homeless New Yorkers where she also volunteers.
- In addition to giving back, running offers a chance to connect with clients outside of work, Timmerman said.

Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher investment funds partner Kate Timmerman didn't think of herself a long-distance runner when she moved to New York from Australia in 2018.

Then the pandemic hit, and Timmerman began volunteering at The Bowery Mission, a nonprofit serving New Yorkers experiencing homelessness, hunger and poverty that saw a reduction of volunteers during COVID.

The Mission also fielded teams for the TCS New York City Marathon with an eye toward fundraising, and Timmerman participated in the cheer squad for several years until a friendly rivalry within the group's expat ranks persuaded her to pin a number on.



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Gibson Dunn & Crutcher partner Kate Timmerman, pictured here at the 2025 TCS New York City Marathon, is running her third marathon on Sunday.

"It started as the two captains of the team had a bit of a rivalry," she said. "What they started doing was building two teams — an Australian



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Gibson Dunn & Crutcher partner Kate Timmerman is raising money for The Bowery Mission, a nonprofit that provides resources for homeless New Yorkers, by running the 2026 TCS New York City Marathon on Sunday.

team and a French team, all supporters and volunteers of The Mission — that started competing over who could raise the most money."

Timmerman launched her marathoning career in New York in 2024. She backed it up with another run in 2025, the first year the French expat group dethroned the Aussies. "Obviously, we're looking to win back the trophy this year," she said.

Meanwhile, The Mission's runners raised more than $220,000 last year, a figure Timmerman said she's hoping to beat this year.

Timmerman competed in the Berlin Marathon in September and said she's hoping to sneak under four hours at Sunday's TCS New York City Marathon.

Running has folded into Timmerman's busy schedule and frequent travel nicely, she said, since she can log miles whether she's in the city or at a hotel gym. "I tend to do long runs early on Sunday mornings, and I try to work in as much as I can during the week," she said.

The newfound hobby has even helped Timmerman connect with clients outside of work, although she said she isn't using training runs to develop business.

"As a more-junior partner and having that Australian expat life in New York City, I'm really focused on building connections, both in my personal life and my business life," she said. "It's a way I can connect with people instead of meeting people through work."

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