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JOHN CHESLEY, 36

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Only eight years out of law school, John Chesley was elected partner at Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher in 2014.

A trial attorney whose practice focuses on white-collar criminal defense, Chesley described what drives him: "Hands down, identifying with my clients' challenges and bringing them in as my own," though he acknowledges, "It may not always be good for peaceful sleep patterns." Chesley helped Hewlett-Packard Company subsidiaries reach a \$100 million settlement last year in a Foreign Corrupt Practices Act case and has done pro bono work for Save the Corcoran and the Innocence Project. Chesley also coaches the office softball team, named Git-R-Dunn.

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