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Total: **255**
2011 Summer Program: **21**
2011 New Associates: **22**

ACCOLADES

The American Lawyer ranked Gibson Dunn 4th on its 2011 A-List of the nation's law firm elite. *The American Lawyer* considers the 20 A-List law firms to be the most elite law firms in the country. The rankings are determined by financial performance, associate satisfaction, commitment to pro bono and diversity.

Gibson Dunn was named the 2010 Litigation Department of the Year by *The American Lawyer*. In awarding this honor, the magazine dubbed Gibson Dunn's litigators the "Game Changers," adding, "when other firms and conventional strategies come up short, clients in deep trouble turn to Gibson Dunn for fresh, aggressive thinking and innovative rescues."

Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business 2011, an independent, research-based survey, awarded Gibson Dunn 204 rankings, with the firm and its attorneys achieving a total of 53 first-tier rankings, 15 of which were firm practice group rankings.

The Best Lawyers in America 2011 identifies 100 Gibson Dunn partners as leaders in 30 practice areas, based on peer review.

Corporate Board Member magazine ranked Gibson Dunn fifth in its annual GCs' Top 20 Firms survey, based on a survey of 128 general counsels asked to name the outside law firms they most admire. The firm also ranked 11th in the publication's annual list of America's Best Corporate Law Firms, which lists the top 25 corporate firms based on the votes of 333 directors.

The 2011 edition of *IFLR1000*, a guide to the world's leading financial law firms, recognized Gibson Dunn in six U.S. categories: Capital Markets – Debt and Equity, Capital Markets – High Yield Debt, Mergers and Acquisitions, Private Equity – Fund Formation, Private Equity – Transactions, and Restructuring and Insolvency. In addition, 11 partners were recognized as leading lawyers.

The 2011 edition of Institutional Investor's *Benchmark Litigation Guide* recommended Gibson Dunn in eight of 10 key national business litigation practice areas. The Firm ranked in Tier 1 for Antitrust

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PROFILE - Los Angeles Area Offices

Welcome to Gibson Dunn, Los Angeles Area Office



STEVE SLETTEN
Chair, Hiring Committee
Los Angeles Hiring Partner

Gibson Dunn offers our associates a unique combination of excellent and challenging work, great camaraderie and team spirit, and the highest quality of clients around the world. We are dedicated to excellence in all that we do, and instill that spirit in each of our lawyers from the moment they arrive. Our free market system provides the freedom and flexibility for all lawyers to pursue their own career goals in an environment that is supportive and dynamic. We look forward to seeing you at your call-back interview in our Los Angeles office. In

the meantime, I'd like to share with you below a little more about Gibson Dunn and its Los Angeles area office.

Our Summer Program

Gibson Dunn's Summer Program is designed to provide a smooth transition from law school to legal practice. Our summer associates are involved directly in the firm's representation of its clients, maximizing their exposure to the practical aspects of lawyering. They are given the opportunity to work on a variety of litigation projects at the trial and appeal levels, and corporate transactions of various types, including corporate financings, mergers and acquisitions, and initial public offerings. The Summer Program provides training in substantive areas such as legal writing, depositions, and corporate transactions. Summer Associates are also encouraged to get involved in pro bono work such as Adoption Friday and Habitat for Humanity. Our summer program has been ranked in the top 10 in Los Angeles by *The American Lawyer* for the past several years.

In addition to interesting client work, the Summer Program includes many great social activities giving Summer Associates the chance to get to know each other and the lawyers of the firm as well as enjoy various attractions of Los Angeles. Social activities in past summer programs have included Dodgers games, Disneyland, hiking in the local mountain ranges, historical walks in L.A., beach trips, and surf lessons (just to name a few.)

Associate Development

Gibson Dunn cares deeply about the professional development and success of its lawyers. The Firm provides comprehensive orientation, mentoring, and training to make sure that our attorneys receive the skills and support they need to excel. During their first two years at the firm, for example, our attorneys receive training and mentoring not only on an office-wide basis, but also at our annual New Lawyer Academy, a three-day intensive training and orientation program focused on Firm philosophies, policies, management and resources. Our associates are unassigned for their first two years, giving our new attorneys the opportunity to sample different practice areas and thus the ability to gain real-world experience in several practice areas before deciding upon a career path at the Firm.

After their first two years, our attorneys join a practice group and receive personalized mentoring through formal office mentoring programs and through one-on-one mentoring relationships developed by working closely with partners and senior associates. These efforts are designed to ensure that each associate is developing a proper career track and gaining the right type of experience to advance within the Firm. The Firm also offers an extensive training program for associates that combines in-house programs, practice area conferences, a personal budget to choose outside CLE programs, and hands-on training through early responsibility for client matters. The Firm has also developed a mid-level associate academy that focuses on the skill sets, including marketing and business development, that are most critical to associates as they move toward consideration for partnership. Our Los Angeles Area Offices were ranked #1 in the American Lawyer's 2009 Mid-Level Associate Survey (out of 30 firms evaluated), and the Firm as a whole was ranked #1 in the same survey among AmLaw 100 and Global 100 firms.

Diversity

Gibson Dunn is deeply committed to the promotion of diversity and inclusion at all levels within the Firm. Diversity among our attorneys is essential to our continued success as one of the leading law firms in the world.

Gibson Dunn maintains a two-tiered diversity committee system. The Firmwide Diversity Committee oversees the Firm's diversity efforts. Membership on the Firmwide committee includes, among others, the Firm's Managing Partner, Management Committee members and the Chief Diversity Officer.

In addition to the Firmwide Diversity Committee, there is a diversity committee in each of our domestic offices as well as in our London and Singapore offices. In order to encourage participation in our diversity initiatives at all levels of the Firm, our local office committees are open to all attorneys who are interested in the issue of diversity.

For more information about our diversity efforts, we encourage you to visit our website at <http://www.gibsondunn.com/diversity>.

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and Appellate; in Tier 2 for General Commercial Litigation, Intellectual Property and Securities; and in Tier 3 for Bankruptcy, Product Liability and White Collar Crime. The publication named 25 partners "litigation stars" and 9 "future stars."

The National Law Journal named Gibson Dunn to its 2011 Appellate Hot List, which recognized 17 firms that "made exemplary contributions to appellate practice during the past year" and "demonstrated an impressive track record overall."

Gibson Dunn Los Angeles offices summer program ranks in the top 5 in the city in the *2010 Annual Summer Associate Survey*.

Ruth Fisher and **Gail Lees** were named to the *Daily Journal's* list of Top Women Lawyers in California. Gail was named to the top 75 women litigators list, and Ruth was named to the inaugural list of the top 25 corporate women lawyers. Ruth was honored for her role representing entertainment companies in high-profile transactions and Gail for her work defending clients confronted with class action lawsuits.

The *Daily Journal* has named **Amy Forbes** to its inaugural list of Land Use Leaders. The list features 25 California-based lawyers. Amy was selected for her work on numerous projects, including the revamping of the 1,175-unit Wyvernwood Garden Apartments complex in Los Angeles' Boyle Heights neighborhood and the redevelopment of Hollywood Park racetrack.

The *Daily Journal* has named **Wayne Barsky** and **Mark Lyon** to its list of the 75 Leading IP Litigators. Attorneys are selected based on the impact their work has had on intellectual property law. The list was published in the April 6, 2011 issue.

KEY CLIENTS

- Chevron Corporation
- ITT Educational Services, Inc.
- Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.
- Hewlett-Packard Company
- Aetna Inc.
- Del Monte Foods Company Inc.
- Dole Food Co., Inc.
- Credit Suisse
- Ameron International Corporation
- Goldman, Sachs & Company

REPRESENTATIVE PRACTICE AREAS

- Litigation
- Corporate
- Real Estate
- Labor & Employment
- Tax

RECENT PRO BONO BENEFICIARIES

- National Adoption Day/Adoption Saturday Program
- Public Counsel
- Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles
- Habitat for Humanity
- Bet Tzedek Legal Services
- Big Brothers/Big Sisters
- KCET Public Television
- Planned Parenthood Advocacy Project