



AT A GLANCE:

PALO ALTO OFFICE

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NUMBER OF ATTORNEYS

Total: **42**
2011 Summer Program: **07**
2011 New Associates: **07**

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 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."

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PROFILE - Palo Alto

Welcome to Gibson Dunn, Palo Alto



LISA FONTENOT
Palo Alto Hiring Partner

Gibson Dunn's Silicon Valley presence was established in 1979 and now resides in Palo Alto, where its 42 lawyers work with some of the world's leading technology companies, from the Fortune 50 to start-ups, and Boards of Directors across industries. With its innovative and entrepreneurial spirit, the Palo Alto office offers significant capabilities in mergers and acquisitions, corporate and securities regulation and transactions, outsourcing, intellectual property litigation and transactions, labor and employment, executive compensation, securities litigation and internal investigations and information technology and data privacy matters. Gibson Dunn's Palo Alto office also

leverages the "deep bench" resources and experience of the Firm's worldwide team of over 1,000 attorneys to provide our diverse clients with unparalleled and comprehensive legal service.

Our corporate lawyers regularly advise our clients' Board of Directors, management and legal teams on a wide range of complex transactions, including domestic and cross-border mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures, corporate governance, strategic investments, securities offerings, venture capital financing and outsourcing transactions.

Our litigation team advises companies and their Boards of Directors on a full range of strategic litigation matters. From semiconductors and electronic gaming to wireless technology and medical devices, we represent clients in high-stakes cases involving critical issues of patent, trademark, copyright and trade secret law, as well as data privacy matters. Our securities litigators have completed numerous high stakes Board representations and corporate investigations, and have acted as lead trial counsel in a number of the biggest securities class actions and SEC enforcement matters and led anti-takeover litigation and professional liability cases.

Our Summer Program

Gibson Dunn's Summer Program is designed to provide a smooth transition from law school to legal practice in a collegial environment. Our summer associates are involved directly in the firm's representation of its clients on diverse corporate and litigation matters, 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 mergers and acquisitions or joint ventures, private securities financings, and public offerings. The Summer Program provides training in substantive areas such as legal writing, depositions, and corporate transactions, including deal negotiations.

In addition to interesting client work and training, our social activities and training programs are designed to get to know attorneys at all levels of the firm. Out of office experiences in the past two summer programs have included attendance at numerous hearings and depositions, settlement conferences and mediations, and participation in negotiations and other client meetings, conference calls and assistance with transaction closings. We also help to staff the Stanford Law School's Guardianship Clinic. Social events have included white water rafting, bocce ball, softball games,

tennis, surfing, theater and live music (including the chance to play with the office band), wine tastings, cooking competitions, bowling, and informal gatherings at partner and associate homes.

We place a high priority on career exploration and development. With guidance from midlevel associates coordinating the summer program, you may choose from a wide variety of work opportunities based on your individual interests. You will also be matched with both a partner and an associate who will mentor and advise you as to professional issues. The American Lawyer Summer Associate Survey has consistently ranked the Palo Alto office among the top of the San Francisco/Bay Area firms.

Professional 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. Our rotation program, which allows attorneys the opportunity to rotate into a new practice area several times during their first two years at the firm, affords new lawyers the ability to gain real-world experience across practice areas before deciding upon a career path at the firm. New associates in the Palo Alto office may take advantage of Gibson Dunn's "free market" system. The system provides associates with a great deal of freedom to work on a variety of projects in a number of practice areas.

Both during and after their first two years, our attorneys receive personalized mentoring through formal office mentoring programs and one-on-one mentoring relationships developed by working closely with partners and senior associates. Each associate is paired with an "associate buddy" and a partner mentor who serve as resources for professional development. 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 client development, 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 advance toward consideration for partnership.

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. 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>.

Pro Bono

Giving back to the community is a basic tenet of Gibson Dunn's culture. Our attorneys worked over 16,763 pro bono hours in the last three years, and lawyers in the Palo Alto County office averaged over 118 hours of pro bono work per attorney in 2010. We handle a vast array of pro bono matters, including immigration and asylum cases, legal guardianship matters, contract disputes, consumer issues, and corporate matters from non-profit formation to mergers and dissolutions and intellectual property counseling.

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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."

The Palo Alto office is participating in the 2011 Silicon Valley United Way Legal Challenge - Law United. The goal of the challenge is to, have lawyers and law firms pledge volunteer hours in addition to the expected fund raising aspect. By participating in the challenge Gibson Dunn is able to provide hands on assistance for those in our community who need it most.

The Daily Journal named Palo Alto Partner, Ashlie Beringer, to its the top 75 women litigators list for her work handling legal issues relating to new media law.

The Daily Journal named Palo Alto Partner, Mark Lyon, to its list of the 75 Leading IP Litigators for the impact his work has had on intellectual property law.

KEY CLIENTS

- Accuray, Inc
- Apple, Inc
- AppliedMicro
- Cadence Design Systems, Inc.
- California Water Service Group
- Con-way, Inc.
- Facebook, Inc.
- Hewlett-Packard Company
- Intel Corporation
- NetApp, Inc.
- Netlogic Microsystems, Inc.
- St. Jude Medical, Inc.
- Symantec Corporation
- Xilinx, Inc.

REPRESENTATIVE PRACTICE AREAS

- Securities Litigation and SEC Enforcement
- Corporate Internal Investigations
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Shareholder and Corporate Control Litigation
- Capital Markets
- Corporate Transactions
- Securities Regulation & Corporate Governance
- Intellectual Property Litigation
- Venture Capital/Emerging Growth
- Labor & Employment/ERISA Litigation
- Technology Licensing
- Strategic Sourcing and Outsourcing Transactions
- Executive Compensation/Employee Benefits
- Information Technology and Data Privacy
- General Commercial Litigation

RECENT PRO BONO BENEFICIARIES

- Law Foundation of Silicon Valley
- Legal Services for Children
- Legal Aid Society of San Mateo County
- Peninsula Volunteers, Inc.
- Precita Eyes Muralists Association
- Stanford Community Law Clinic
- Pro Bono Project, Silicon Valley
- Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights
- Santa Cruz Surfing Club
- Silicon Valley Campaign for Legal Services