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**THEODORE OLSON**

*Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher*

## Supremely Talented

*When it comes to litigating cases that have an outsize impact on the public sphere, Ted Olson is in a class by himself. The Gibson Dunn partner has won 75 percent of the 58 cases he has argued before the U.S. Supreme Court. That includes *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission*, a landmark ruling in 2010 that struck down limits on corporate political spending. Along with cocounsel David Boies, Olson won a much-heralded federal district court ruling in 2010 challenging Proposition 8, California's ban on same-sex marriage.*