

Gibson Dunn Adds Executive Compensation and Employee Benefits Partner Kate Napalkova in New York

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Gibson Dunn is pleased to announce that Ekaterina (Kate) Napalkova has joined the firm's New York office as a partner in the firm's Executive Compensation and Employee Benefits Practice Group.

"We are excited to welcome Kate to Gibson Dunn," said Krista P. Hanvey, Co-Chair of Gibson Dunn's Executive Compensation and Employee Benefits Practice Group. "Kate has a reputation for being a trusted counselor to her clients, and with her excellent technical skills, she will add further depth and support for our growing transactional practices."

"I am thrilled to join the Gibson Dunn team," said Kate. "The Gibson Dunn platform will serve as an excellent foundation on which to continue building my practice. The firm's reputation precedes it, and I look forward to collaborating with my talented colleagues and mentoring the team's future leaders."

Kate's arrival continues the growth of Gibson Dunn's New York office, including the recent additions of leading M&A dealmaker George Sampas, private equity partner Brian Scrivani, special situations partner Caith Kushner, regulatory finance partner Ro Spaziani, and real estate finance partner Michael Weinberger.

About Kate Napalkova

Kate advises public and private companies, private investment funds, boards of directors and management teams on a broad range of compensation and employee benefits matters. Her advice focuses on the compensation and employee benefits aspects of mergers and acquisitions, restructurings, public offerings, spin-offs, and other corporate transactions. She is experienced in the negotiation and implementation of benefit and compensation plans, as well as compensation-related securities and corporate governance matters. Before joining Gibson Dunn, Kate served as a partner at an international law firm. She received her law degree *cum laude* in 2009 from the Fordham University School of Law, where she also served as the editor-in-chief of the *Fordham International Law Journal*.

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