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Chris Jones is a senior associate in the Los Angeles office of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher. He is a member of the White Collar Defense and Investigations, Litigation, Anti-Money Laundering, and National Security groups. His practice focuses primarily on internal investigations and enforcement defense, regulatory and compliance counseling, and complex civil litigation.

Representative experience includes:

Internal Investigations and Enforcement Defense

- Represent cryptocurrency company in government investigations.
- Defended cryptocurrency exchange in large multi-agency resolution with U.S. regulators.
- Represent pharmacy store chain in False Claims Act investigation.
- Secured Deferred Prosecution Agreement for foreign bank in connection with government investigation into alleged tax evasion.
- Conducted internal investigation for U.S. public company into potential anti-bribery or sanctions violations by foreign distributors.
- Defended a publicly traded financial institution in a DOJ AML investigation resulting in a declination.
- Secured a Non-Prosecution Agreement for a medical technology company in connection with government investigation into alleged wire fraud and securities violations by former senior employees.
- Represented technology product company in civil investigation by California Attorney General.
- Represented former company executive in federal political bribery investigation.
- Conducted internal investigation for financial institution regarding multinational bribery scheme.*
- Represented automotive supply company in criminal antitrust investigation.*

Regulatory and Compliance Counseling

- Advise numerous cryptocurrency companies on U.S. regulatory requirements and enforcement risk.
- Serve as external AML Counsel to Fortune 50 technology and payments company.
- Conducted risk assessment for casino into its anti-money laundering controls.
- Represented investment adviser in responding to SEC examination deficiency



Capabilities

White Collar Defense and Investigations
Anti-Corruption & FCPA
Anti-Money Laundering
Betting and Gaming
Crisis Management
Financial Institutions
Financial Regulatory
Fintech and Digital Assets
International Trade
Litigation
National Security
Transnational Litigation

Credentials

Education

Stanford University - 2014 Juris Doctor
University of Southern California - 2008
Bachelor of Arts

Admissions

District of Columbia Bar
New York Bar
California Bar

Clerkships

USDC, District of Columbia, Hon. Timothy
J. Kelly, 2017 - 2018

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- Advise board of directors of foreign financial institution on U.S. legal requirements.
- Advise various companies in hospitality, real estate, gaming, armored car carrier, and other industries on anti-money laundering laws, including the Corporate Transparency Act, and U.S. sanctions laws.

Complex Civil Litigation

- Represent technology company in lawsuits seeking to hold them liable for content posted by third-party users.
- Represent senior assisted living facility in class action lawsuit in federal court.
- Represented multinational pharmaceutical company in Section 337 patent infringement lawsuit at the International Trade Commission.*
- Represented Fortune 50 multinational company in large securities action lawsuit.*
- Represented large foreign automaker in products liability lawsuits and related regulatory investigations.*

Chris also maintains an active pro bono practice, including:

- Secured the early release of a client convicted by a nonunanimous jury.
- Obtained preliminary injunction prohibiting certain DHS immigration rules from coming into effect.
- Authored multiple amicus briefs in the U.S. Supreme Court on immigration issues.
- Represent large family from Afghanistan seeking humanitarian parole.

He frequently publishes on white collar, anti-money laundering, sanctions, and digital assets issues. Representative publications include:

- *Self-Reporting to the Authorities and Other Disclosure Obligations: The US Perspective*, The Practitioner's Guide to Global Investigations, GIR (7th ed. 2023)
- *Key BSA/AML Compliance Trends in the Securities Industry*, ICLG, June 20, 2023
- *Anti-Money Laundering Compliance Programs for Financial Institutions and Other Businesses*, The Complete Compliance and Ethics Manual 2022
- *The Biden Administration's Digital Assets Executive Order and Its Implications*, Gibson Dunn, March 10, 2022
- *New Federal Anti-Money Laundering Law Could Affect Your Company*, Daily Journal, January 20, 2021
- *The Top 10 Takeaways for Financial Institutions from the Anti-Money Laundering Act of 2020*, Gibson Dunn, January 1, 2021
- *The Impact of Coronavirus on the Operations of Financial Institutions: Key Guidance Issued by U.S. Financial Regulators*, Gibson Dunn, April 21, 2020
- *The International Reach of the U.S. Money Laundering Statutes*, Gibson Dunn, January 9, 2020
- *Calculating the Financial Exposure*, Gibson Dunn, January 18, 2019
- *Caught in the Crosshairs: Developing a Fourth Amendment Framework for Financial Warfare*, 68 Stan. L. Rev. 683, March 2016

Speaking engagements include:

- Speaker, "Bank Secrecy Act/Anti-Money Laundering and Sanctions Enforcement and Compliance Update," Gibson Dunn webcast, February 28, 2023

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Previously, Chris clerked for the Honorable Timothy J. Kelly of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia. He also practiced in the litigation department of a major international law firm for three years.

Chris received his J.D. from Stanford Law School in 2014. While in law school, he served as an Articles Editor for the *Stanford Law Review* and the Co-Executive Director of the Afghanistan Legal Education Project. Chris is a member of the American Bar Association and the Los Angeles County Bar Association.

*Includes matters prior from Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP