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#### FINALIST: GIBSON, DUNN & CRUTCHER

**Answered by: Thomas H. Dupree Jr., Partner and Co-Chair of the Appellate and Constitutional Law Practice Group**

■ Describe your firm's approach to litigation and your strategy for building successful teams for trials or other matters.

We approach litigation with the mindset of achieving total victory for our clients and build our teams to win. I am continually amazed at the incredible talent Gibson Dunn can bring to bear when we head into the courtroom.

■ Discuss the two biggest litigation cases your firm worked on in 2023 and how you reached successful outcomes.

The first is *Slack Technologies v. Pirani*, where we persuaded the Supreme Court to maintain vital limits on a public company's potential liability for innocent misstatements in its SEC filings. The second is *Zedan Racing Stables v. Churchill Downs*, where we headed off a prominent owner's eleventh-hour attempt to litigate his horse into the Kentucky Derby. In both cases, we developed and executed our litigation strategy to perfection, illustrating yet again how Gibson Dunn litigators can win anytime, anywhere, and on any issue—from public company securities to thoroughbred racehorses.

■ What are the most challenging and satisfying aspects of your work in litigation?

Working with our terrific clients to bring home the victory. The challenging cases are often the most rewarding, and there is nothing like winning a case that no one thought could be won.

■ What is the most important piece of advice you'd share with young lawyers?

Have fun! I absolutely love what I do — and if you don't love what you do, find something that you're truly passionate about.

