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Joshua Jessen is a partner in Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher's Orange County and Palo Alto offices. He is a member of the firm's Litigation Department and practices in the Privacy, Cybersecurity, and Consumer Protection Group, Intellectual Property Group, and Health Care and Life Sciences Group.

Mr. Jessen's practice focuses on consumer law and class actions, intellectual property litigation, complex commercial litigation, and white collar criminal defense. He represents several companies involved in putative data privacy and data security class actions, and he was instrumental in obtaining dismissals in several of those actions. Mr. Jessen also has represented a wide array of clients in high-stakes patent, copyright, trademark, and right-of-publicity litigation. In addition, he was involved in the defense of a significant white collar criminal matter relating to alleged violations of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act.

Mr. Jessen was named a national "Rising Star" by Law360, which identified him as one of five lawyers to watch in 2012 in the privacy and consumer protection practice area. The Recorder also named him as one of its 50 "Fast Track" lawyers in 2012, which recognizes California attorneys "whose early accomplishments indicate they will be tomorrow's top lawyers and leaders."

In addition, Mr. Jessen has acted as a guardian ad litem, on a pro bono basis, for children affected by temporary protective order proceedings, and he previously completed a two-month stint as a Deputy District Attorney in the Orange County District Attorney's Office, where he examined approximately 25 witnesses in open court and obtained a conviction – after a jury trial – in a case believed to be unwinnable.

Mr. Jessen earned his law degree magna cum laude in 2002 from the University of San Diego School of Law, where he was a member of the Order of the Coif and Lead Articles Editor of the San Diego Law Review. While attending law school, he served as a judicial extern for U.S. Magistrate Judge James Stiven. Mr. Jessen graduated magna cum laude in 1996 from the University of Pennsylvania with a Bachelor of Arts degree in History. From 1994 to 1995, Mr. Jessen studied at Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford University.

Mr. Jessen is admitted to practice law in the State of California. He is also a member of the bar of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, the U.S. District Courts for the Central, Southern, Northern, and Eastern Districts of California, and the U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado. Mr. Jessen is a member of the California State Bar Committee on Federal Courts.