

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Crowell & Moring's John Gibson Named Attorney of the Year by Thurgood Marshall Bar Association

Irvine, Calif. – February 5, 2019: The Thurgood Marshall Bar Association has named Crowell & Moring partner John Gibson Attorney of the Year. This annual award recognizes an attorney who makes a difference in Orange County by achieving results for clients and displaying a commitment to sponsorship that embodies the spirit of the first African-American U.S. Supreme Court justice.

Gibson was honored at the Thurgood Marshall Bar Association's Annual Gala on January 19 in front of a capacity audience that included his family, clients, colleagues, and protégés, along with Orange County judges, lawyers, and law students. L. Song Richardson, dean of the University of California-Irvine School of Law, introduced Gibson and presented his award. Akhil Sheth, an associate in Crowell & Moring's antitrust and litigation practices, was also installed as treasurer of the organization.

"I am grateful to have been selected—among the many impactful attorneys deserving of this honor—so that I could help celebrate the principles of faith, growth, and gratefulness that make a successful attorney more valuable to our world. And I am grateful to our clients, my firm, and the Thurgood Marshall Bar Association for striving to promote excellence through diversity," Gibson said.

Gibson, a litigation partner in Crowell & Moring's Antitrust Group, handles crisis situations for clients ranging from top technology and healthcare companies to professional sports teams. He has won a number of landmark trials and high-stakes litigation matters—for which he has been recognized as one of *The Best Lawyers in America* (2013-2019 editions). Gibson is also chair of the firm's 3D Printing Digital Transformation Working Group and serves as co-chair of the Diversity Council. He oversees the firm's adoption and compliance of the Mansfield Rule, a set of diversity-advancing policies modeled after the NFL's Rooney Rule. Gibson also helped to conceive and implement "One Village"—a Crowell & Moring initiative that focuses on substantive internal and external diversity-related dialogue and action.

A champion for diversity, inclusion, and social justice, Gibson's legal practice includes a number of matters that offer an opportunity to put his beliefs into practice. For example, after the NBA suspended the then-owner of the Los Angeles Clippers for his racist comments, Gibson served as the team's lead trial lawyer in litigation that forced a sale of the team to new ownership. In one of his pro bono cases, he secured the very first federal court order requiring a school district to accommodate the service dog of a student with autism.

"We are proud of John's leadership in the community, with our clients, and at the firm," said Dan Sasse, Managing Partner of the Orange County office, "John has been an active champion for the firm's commitment to diversity and inclusion and has worked diligently to embed those values across the firm through his work on management board committees and as co-chair of the Diversity Council."

Gibson recently spoke on the Thurgood Marshall Bar Association's panel about community policing. He has served previously on the Executive Committee and Board of Directors of the Constitutional Rights Foundation and holds committee leadership positions in the Orange County Bar Association, where he also serves on the Board of Directors.

No aspect of this advertisement has been approved by the Bars of, or any courts in, the jurisdictions in which the lawyers are admitted to practice.

About Crowell & Moring LLP

Crowell & Moring LLP is an international law firm with more than 500 lawyers representing clients in litigation and arbitration, regulatory, and transactional matters. The firm is internationally recognized for its representation of Fortune 500 companies in high-stakes litigation, as well as its ongoing commitment to *pro bono* service and diversity. The firm has offices in Washington, D.C., New York, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Orange County, London, and Brussels.

Contact: **An Pham**
Manager, Media PR & Communications
+1 202.508.8740
apham@crowell.com