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Patrick C. Dunican Jr.

Firm: Gibbons, Del Deo, Dolan, Griffinger & Vecchione, Newark

Position: Managing director

Born: Dec. 15, 1966, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Education: Seton Hall Univ. School of Law, J.D., cum laude 1991 (editor-in-chief, *Seton Hall Law Review*); Iona College, B.A., 1988

Years at Present Firm: 12

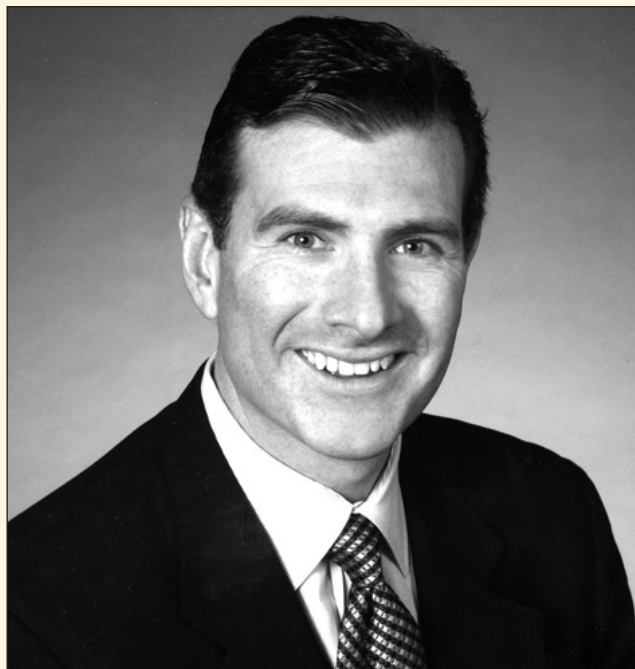
Primary Practice Areas: Complex business and commercial litigation

Previous Experience: Hon. Clarkson S. Fisher Sr., U.S. District Judge, law clerk, 1991-92

Highlights: This January, Dunican — at age 37 — became the managing director of one of New Jersey's oldest and largest firms. The appointment capped a history of rapid advancement with the firm, where he started as a first-year associate in 1992. While still an associate, he was chosen in 1997 to open and strategically grow the firm's New York office. In just five years, the office grew from one to 40 attorneys, leading the office in mergers and recruiting. In 1999, he was named a partner and administrative partner-in-charge of the New York office. Soon after, he became the youngest member of the firm's executive committee and co-chair of the firm's strategic growth committee. When Gibbons Del Deo decided to pass the torch to the next generation of leadership, he became the obvious choice for managing director.



Dunican was named the 2002 Young Alumnus of the Year by Seton Hall Univ. School of Law. He was recognized for his achievements as a young attorney, as well as for his service to the law school Alumni Council, the Seton Hall Red Mass Committee and as an adjunct professor of legal research and writing for five years. In addition to his service to Seton Hall Law School, Dunican has worked with the Gibbons Fellowship Program, which undertakes public interest and constitutional law projects and litigation from all sectors. The firm sponsors three fellows, two based in



New Jersey, for its two-year program. Working with a broad cross section of public interest groups, the Fellowship Program has become widely known in New Jersey and nationally as a voice for the poor and underrepresented.

Dunican has also worked on pro bono causes of his own. He successfully represented the family of a Sept. 11, 2001, World Trade Center victim when an insurance company denied payment of life insurance proceeds because all of the employers' records were destroyed in the collapse of the towers.

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