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**TWO ATTORNEYS FROM SAN FRANCISCO'S GIRARD GIBBS SELECTED
TO BEST LAWYERS IN AMERICA 2012**

SAN FRANCISCO, CA – Girard Gibbs LLP (www.GirardGibbs.com) announced today that two attorneys in the firm's San Francisco office were recently selected by their peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*® 2012 (Copyright 2011 by Woodward/White, Inc., of Aiken, S.C.). Girard Gibbs' Daniel Girard was honored for his work in class action and [securities litigation](#), and Eric Gibbs was recognized for his work in class action litigation.

Daniel Girard has served as lead counsel in a wide range of cases, including class actions arising under the securities, financial services, civil rights and telecommunications laws. He serves as outside counsel to the California State Teachers Retirement System and the Kansas Public Employees Retirement System. His current work includes serving as lead counsel for investors in litigation against several major banks, including multi-district proceedings against UBS AG in connection with the Lehman Brothers collapse. He also represents individual and corporate clients in [international arbitration](#) proceedings.

Mr. Girard was appointed by Chief Justice William Rehnquist to the United States Judicial Conference Committee on Civil Rules in 2004. He was reappointed to a second three-year term by Chief Justice John Roberts in 2007. He is a member of the American Law Institute, and serves on the Advisory Board of the Institute for the Advancement of the American Legal System, a national, non-partisan organization dedicated to improving the process and culture of the civil justice system.

Mr. Girard was selected for inclusion in *Northern California Super Lawyers* from 2007 through 2011, and has earned an AV-Preeminent rating from *Martindale-Hubbell*, recognizing him in the highest class of attorneys for professional ethics and legal skills. 2011 is the first year he is listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*.

Eric Gibbs is a founding partner at Girard Gibbs and specializes in the prosecution of consumer and employment class actions. Mr. Gibbs serves as court-appointed lead counsel, class counsel and liaison counsel in various class and collective actions in federal court and in arbitration throughout the United States. His experience in complex litigation extends to matters involving defective products, false advertising, unfair competition, privacy rights, employment misclassification and wage and hour issues.

Mr. Gibbs is the immediate past co-chair of American Association for Justice's Class Action Litigation Group and past editor of the group's Quarterly Newsletter; he also serves on the Board of Governors of the Consumer Attorneys of California and is a member of Public Justice's Class Action Preservation Project Committee.

Mr. Gibbs was selected for inclusion in *Northern California Super Lawyers* in 2010 and 2011, and has earned an AV-Preeminent rating from *Martindale-Hubbell*, recognizing him in the highest class for professional ethics and legal skills. Mr. Gibbs frequently speaks on current issues concerning class action litigation. 2011 is the first year he is listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*.

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About Girard Gibbs

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